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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1995
BOARD MEETING

The Hammond Historical Society Board of Directors met in a special called meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 1995 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirteen members attended. The meeting was called to meet with Mayor Duane Dedelow who wanted to share his future plans for the City of Hammond.

Mayor Dedelow acknowledged the need for jobs is the reason for a 20 year economic plan. He pointed out Hammond's strengths are its location near Chicago, its resources, both parks and railroads, its manufacturing base and its opportunities for recreational and tourism jobs with the lake front marina and the forthcoming gambling facilities.

The mayor stressed we must invest in the infra-structure and he described the status of the downtown revitalization plan. The Urban Development Area must be expanded, hire a developer and develop the State Street retail area. All of this now depends on approval by the City Council. They hope to not only develop a downtown mall but also to keep the current malls at Woodmar and Hessville viable. By offering low interest loans, he hopes to promote neighborhood organizations and partnerships.

The opening of the Hohman Avenue Overpass on Saturday, September 30, will be the beginning of opening the downtown area to more development.

Hammond has an abundance of parks that are being used as a result of the recent improvements to them. To assure continued success, we need community co-operation. Development of the Rose Garden behind City Hall is in future plans and Bill Tuley stressed the hope of the society is that a Museum Fund can be established and plans supported by the city to develop a local museum.

Bill reminded all that for our September 17th meeting we will join the Purdue University Calumet 50th Year celebration at Purdue and will return to our meeting at the library on October 15th at 2:30 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Donna S. Djenka
Carol Kutak
Edward A. Lukowski, Jr.
Louise J. Lukowski
Isabel Storey
William Tuley

Brian Poland
Holly Canaleli
Bob Kindle
Mechele L. Burbank
Fern Arnold
Harry G. Black
Marjorie Sohl

Hammond Historical Society Directors Meeting October 15, 1995

President Tuley opened the meeting at 1:30 with ¹¹~~12~~ present.

He reported on his experiences at the dedication of the overpass and the anniversary Sunday at Purdue Calumet.

In the absence of Secretary Marge Sohl Mr Tuley gave a report on her investigation of the past records which indicates that the Society was founded March 2, 1960. Marge was the first Secretary. Her investigation was requested by the board for the purpose of establishing a date for a proposed Founders Day.

On motion made by Tom Rutkowski and seconded by Elverta Seddelmeyer and passed unanimously by those present the meeting date in March of 1996 , the third Sunday, March 17, is scheduled to be the first Annual Founders' Day for the Hammond Historical Society. Work will now begin accumulating information on names and addresses of early leaders and their families.

Discussion followed on the possibility of creating a Hammond Historical Museum as a joint venture with the City of Hammond. Question on a proposed Hammond cultural museum was discussed. Possibility of the Hoosier Bank Building on State Street for location of a museum was noted. Study will continue.

The editor of the Flashback was commended for her coverage of Hammond historical events.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15.

antoinette Caldwell
Secretary protem

Present:

William Tuley	Arlouise Lamering for Lois Sherby
Mary Milakovic	Suzanne Long
Tom Rutkowski	Elverta Seddelmeyer
Gerry Peiffer	Lois Sherby (late)
Toni Caldwell	
Louise Lukowski	
Carter Martin	

Hammond Historical Society Meeting, October 15, 1995

President Tuley opened the meeting at 2:30. He reported on the executive meeting prior to the general meeting and advised of proposals to establish a Hammond Historical museum. He also announced the establishment of an annual Founders' Day for the Society to begin with the regular meeting of the third Sunday in March, the 17th, 1996 and asked assistance in locating family members of early officers in March of 1960.

Lois Sherby, treasurer, gave report as of September 30, 1995 showing \$4946.24 in the checking account and \$3356.92 in savings account. Report was approved.

President Tuley introduced Ernie Hurt who graduated from Hammond High and joined the first paratrooper unit trained for WWII and landed on the Coast of Normandy June 4, 1944. He had informative literature on "The Hurt's Go To War" with maps, photographs and statistics to give reference points for his interesting description and first-hand views of the events. He introduced his wife Juanita Smith Hurt who was in the same arena. His report was taped and will be included in a future Flashback.

About 40 members and friends enjoyed the presentation by Mr Hurt and also coffee, tea and cookies and fellowship after the program.

Antoinette Caldwell
Secretary Protem

Oct 15 1995

	Name	Address
1	Bob Gusham	8948 Hudson Ct Munster
2+3	Mr & Mrs Fubuck Jagers	1892-169 th St, Hammond
4	Olympia Berolos Antea	6756 Hohman Ave - Hammond
5	Helin B. Juley	7201 Cleveland Cir. Merrillville
6	Glenda Edelmeier	617-173 rd St. Hammond ^{Ind.}
7	Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave., Munster
8	Bruce Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster
9	Harry Black	7406 Monroe Hammond
10	Bernadine Lyon	952 Jordan Circle Schererville
11	Robert Ponton	P.O. Box 591 St Joseph Ind.
12	Norma Ponton	" " " "
13	Juanita M Hurt	2851 Franklin St, Highland Ind 46322
14	Ernie Hurt	
15	Marjorie Halaburt	511-139 th ST, Hammond.
16	Kenneth Salmon	1628 170 th Hammond.
17	Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander - Hammond
18	John Swanson	" " " "
19	Mary Mikovic	935-169 th St " "
20	Louise Lelkowski	
21	Edw. A. Lakowski	Hammond Ind.
22	TAMES E. MELIN	SCHERERVILLE, IN.
23	Wm Biffer MD	Hammond Ind —
24	A E Colby	Mrs. A E Colby Munster
25+26	CAROL - OLIVE HAMILTON	- 1512-169 th ST Hammond Ind

- 21 Mable Lured
 28 Olive Seidler
 2930 Anne & John Beckman
 31 D. Djanka
 32 Jim Amenos
 33 Marion Wheeler
 34 Linda Rich
 35 Toni Caldwell
 36 Suzanne Lewis
 37 (Mrs Colly
 38 Blaine Summer
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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1995

The Board of Directors meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, 1995 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bill Tuley presided. Eleven members and one visitor attended.

Suzanne Long reported that she had been offered an old addressograph from Klein's Modern Copies. It was manufactured about 1929. While we have no place to house such a piece, Bill Tuley suggested she accept it and we can loan it to some other museum in the area. He reported nothing new had developed with the city on the possibility of a museum. They have been busy with the election. He had suggested the old Hoosier Bank Building that has been deeded to the city.

Suzanne also reported that January 15, 1996, is the deadline for submitting applications for Indiana Heritage Research Grants. She asked if she can prepare an application for a suitable grant, would the Society support it. Permission was granted on a motion by Lois Sherby, second by Gerry Peiffer and carried.

David Dabertin visited the Board meeting to make us aware of the book he has created and has been promoting throughout the Whiting/Robertsdale community. It is a 36 page book called "Walk-able, Ride-able Whiting and Robertsdale." In it three tours for walking or bicycling through the two communities past historic buildings or locations of historic events are described. It sells for \$3.00. Any profits from the sale are used to improve the parks. He asked permission to sell it at our program meeting following this meeting. Permission was granted by consent.

Helen McGrath asked for ideas of where we might want to try to have the annual meeting in May. Beth-El Temple was suggested and she agreed to make inquiries there.

A letter was received from the Historical Landmark Foundation of Indiana with an annual appeal for funds. We had not donated yet this year so Gerry Peiffer moved that we donate \$100.00, Helen McGrath seconded it, carried. Lois Sherby reported that as of October 31, 1995, we have a balance of \$4683.70 in the checking account and \$3356.82 in the savings.

Lois read a letter from the daughter of member Robert Brown who died recently. He had a 2'x3'x3/4" bronze plaque that had been on the former Columbia Avenue Pumping Station which he wanted donated to us. It was agreed we would accept it and find an appropriate place for it.

At the time of the dedication of the Hohman Avenue overpass, the information surfaced that Lincoln's funeral train had passed over those tracks and a plaque should commemorate that fact. It was

agreed that of greater local significance than a passing train that needed to be marked with a plaque was the location of the Hohman Inn and the Hammond Packing Plant. The replacement of the plaque marking the Hohman Inn had been needed for some time and that project was turned over to the Grand Calumet Task Force River Project. David Dabertin pointed out that Indiana State Tax funds are available for such historical markers. Someone just has to prepare the forms to ask for them.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Louise Lukowski
Suzanne Long
Michele L. Burbank
Harry Black
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.
Carter Martin
David Dabertin
Helen McGrath
Elverta Seddelmeyer
William Tuley
Lois Sherby
Marjorie Sohl

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1995

The program meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Bill Tuley, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, 1995 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. The attendance sheet was signed by 27 members and friends.

David Dabertin of Whiting/Robertsdale area announced that he had for sale for \$3.00 copies of his book that describes three walking or bicycling or riding tours of the Whiting/Robertsdale area.

Lois Sherby gave the attached treasurer's report.

Bill Tuley introduced the speakers for today's program, Mary Jo Saksa, Financial Service Manager for Citizen's Financial Services in Hammond and she in turn introduced Vicki Miloshait, a financial planner with Citizen's Investment Services. Both women were born and raised in Hammond and now live in Munster and Highland.

Citizen's Federal Savings and Loan was organized after the 1932 bank failures when Claude Bagley came to help with financial services and to help create a thrift organization and economic provisions so people could purchase homes. On September 12, 1934, a group of 13 men were granted a charter with only \$6140.00 in assets and worked with a mutual savings association at Russell and Hohman in 1938. An article celebrating the 60th anniversary of Citizen's Federal appeared in the TIMES this year. Expansion began early with the first branch established in Crown Point in July, 1940. The Hohman Theatre at 5311 Hohman closed in 1949 and in 1952 the Citizen's Federal purchased that building as their new headquarters. Additional branches were opened in Munster and Valparaiso in January, 1973. The 1980's were a different decade for financial institutions with high rates for loans and deregulation of banking. It also brought about the remodeling and expansion of the Hammond Office. In August, 1983 it merged with the First Federal of Whiting and was able to offer full services in Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation developed. The Citizen's Federal followed the founders ideals of quality and efficient service and they developed services based on needs. Services to seniors have been recognized with discounts and planned trips.

In 1994 the name was changed to Citizen's Financial Services and the eleventh office was opened. A new building is going up in Munster to house the investment and insurance facilities as technology has greatly changed banking. The original \$6140 in assets that the business started with has grown to a quarter billion in 1980 and \$600 million today.

Several leaders have served the bank as president but in the last 25 years the most congenial and dedicated has been Walter Prisby who has now been followed by the current president, his son, Thomas Prisby.

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Vicki Miloshoff who works with the investment services of Citizen's Financial Services was introduced. She works with personal financial planning, college funding and retirement planning. With charts she showed how money has grown in value and with practical examples like a stamp, a can of coffee and a loaf of bread she illustrated how inflation has effected our lives and has increased our needs to plan ahead.

The meeting concluded with coffee, cookies and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Checking Account Balance	4683.70
10/31/95	
Saving Account Balance	
9/30/95	3356.82

Lis Sherby
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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Vickie Miloshoff	3115 Garfield, Highland	933-6930
Ted Myjewski	5622 Calumet, Hammond	
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman, Hammond	932-2034
Carter Martin	1512 - 169th, Hammond	844-6355
W. C. Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-7671
Gertrude Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-7671
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-7415
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Ave, Hammond	932-1798
Julius & Leana Housty	6822 Kentucky Ave, Hammond	845-5463
Gene Anderson	829 State Street, Hammond	933-7468
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Edw. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Frank Stodola	546 Mulberry St. Hammond	853-1731
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave. Hammond	
Haroldine Cross Hellman	1611 Chicago Ave. Evanston	708-570-7846
Hildui Hellman	1611 Chicago Ave. Evanston	708-570-7846
Florence Cross Gallagher	1321 Birchwood, #205, Chicago	312-274-9624
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Ave, Hammond	844-6796
LaVonne Spanier	1627 Warwick Ave, Whiting	659-4099
Everett Lorig	Crete Area Historical Society	708-672-5261
Bernie Bolis	230 Inverness, Schererville	322-7303
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
Helen B. Tuley	7201 Cleveland Cir. Merrillville	756-7201
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-3208
Wm. Tuley		
Marge Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1996

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:35 p.m. on Sunday, January 21, 1996, in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bill Tuley presided. Eleven members and Brian Poland from the City Planning Department attended. Brian showed to the board the heavy probably bronze plaque which he had picked up in Eureka, Illinois. It was thought to be the plaque off of the former pumping station at the Grand Calumet River that was constructed when Daniel Brown was mayor of Hammond. It had been in the possession of Robert Brown who was a descendant of Mayor Brown and who died recently. Robert's daughter, Susan Anderson, said he wanted it given to the Historical Society. It is being stored in the Calumet Room until the proper place to display it at the Water Department is found.

Bill Tuley told the Board of his request from Library Director Arthur Meyers for the Society to be co-sponsors on the application for a grant to host and display in the library an exhibit, "Frontier in American Culture" prepared by the Newbery Library in Chicago. Tom Rutkowski moved that we support the exhibit as long as no funds are involved, second by Gerry Peiffer, carried.

Following up on an earlier conversation with Mayor Dedelow about a Hammond Historical Museum, Bill Tuley had a letter stating that the mayor has assigned an aid, Dick Modrosky to pursue it. He suggested a joint committee of at least three members from the Society and three from the city be formed to see if such a venture is feasible. The mayor wanted Janet Moran to be on the committee. Bill wanted to be on the committee. Lois Sherby, Gerry Peiffer and Mabelle Durand volunteered to serve.

Thinking ahead to the suggested Founder's Day celebration for March, Bill Tuley had asked John Wilhelm, Jr. to be a possible speaker and he appreciated the offer but refused. Roger Reeder was also suggested.

Helen McGrath asked for clarification of which synagogue she was to contact for the place of the annual meeting on May 14 as suggested at the last board meeting. She was told it was Temple Beth-El.

Mary Milakovic reported she had a program promised from Carl Linden for March but none for February yet. Bill Tuley agreed that he would speak on his efforts to get the death of retired Hammond police officer and later policeman for St. John, Jim Larimer, who was killed in action, to be memorialized.

Attention was called to Arthur Meyers article in the Indiana Historical Society publication Traces for Winter, 1996, about Temple Beth-El and the development of the Hammond Open Forum.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Louise Lukowski
Mabelle Durand
Thomas Rutkowski
Mary Milakovic
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Antoinette Caldwell
William Tuley
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Suzanne Long
Brian Poland
Harry Black
Marjorie Sohl

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1996

The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Bill Tuley, at 2:35 p.m. on Sunday, January 21, 1996, in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-two signed the attendance sheet.

Lois Sherby gave the financial summary showing a balance on hand of \$3489.98.

The gathered group repeated the pledge to the flag and Bill Tuley introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. George Lininger, who described "the day that will live in infamy," December 7, 1941, as he remembered it as a 20 year old boy, in the service at Wheeler Field, Pearl Harbor. He is now a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association that is dedicated to the proposition that we must never forget what happened there. We must preach it because if we do not learn from what happened there, we may suffer such a defeat again. It disturbs him that kids now graduate from Hammond schools without knowing where Pearl Harbor is and what happened there.

The Pacific Fleet had been sent to Hawaii on maneuvers. They were expecting some B-17s to arrive when instead the Japanese arrived and caught them all off guard. The first bomb fell in the field. The second fell on the mess hall which he had just left. The devastation was unbelievable. It took only 35 to 40 minutes to destroy the forces. Out of the ashes of defeat the Phoenix would rise again--but it took 3½ years for that to happen. The action centered in Europe before they could get sufficient help to the Pacific.

The meeting adjourned with coffee and cookies and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Hammond Historical Society

12/31/95

Checking account - 4816.08

Saving acct. 3356.82

Life membership 100.-

Interest 33.16

3489.98

Lois Sherby, Treas

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Joe Grzych	8226 Manor Ave, Munster	836-2224
Helen Tuley	7201 Cleveland Circle, Merrillville	756-7201
Florence Cross Gallagher	1321 Birchwood Ave, Chicago	312-274-9624
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-3208
LaVonne Spanier	1627 Warwick Ave, Whiting	659-4099
Olive Seidler	1620 Camellia Dr. Munster	922-1215
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Rd, #407, Munster	836-1042
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-7415
Gertrude Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-7671
William C. Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-7671
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	931-9869
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Bob Kindle	7210 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	844-2596
M/M Edward H. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave, Hammond	931-6878
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Ave, Hammond	844-6796
Donna S. Djenka		
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Ave, Hammond	932-1798
Warren Black	18503 Oakwood, Lansing	708-895-1332
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City	
Marjorie Sohl	9519 Southmoor Dr. Highland	924-7525

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1996

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Only seven Board members attended the regular Board of Directors meeting immediately preceeding the meeting of the Society on Sunday, February 18, 1996. President Bill Tuley reported on the meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 of the committee from the Historical Society with the Mayor's aids to discuss the direction to go to pursue the establishment of a Hammond Museum. Discussion centered on a first priority being a place for it and second the funding of such a venture. Interest in Sawyer Branch Library was expressed and conveyed to the Library Board if they should determine it necessary to close it sometime in the near future.

Helen McGrath reported that the annual dinner meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 1996 at 6 p.m. at the Beth-El Temple. Rabbi Michael Stevens will be available at 7 p.m. to speak on the history of Beth-El.

A Founders' Day program is scheduled for the March meeting. An effort will be made to contact any living charter members from the 1959 organizing meetings.

Averill Colby came in to the end of the meeting to suggest we promote giving the Hammond Achievement Award to Cal Bellamy. He was reminded that Cal had been suggested before but the committee felt he did not fit the "national or international fame" criteria for the award.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Mabelle Durand
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Helen McGrath
Toni Caldwell
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
William Tuley
Marjorie Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1996

President Bill Tuley called the meeting of the Hammond Historical Society to order at 2:30 p.m. by asking the audience to join in the Pledge of Alligiance to the flag.

A brief summary of the board meeting just held was given by the president. The totals in the bank accounts were given for the treasurer who was unable to attend today. The December 31, 1995 savings account was \$3,489.98 and the checking account on January 31, 1996 was \$3,674.07.

The program today was given by our president, Bill Tuley, entitled "The Crime and the Crusade." He graphically described the story of the murder of the two police officers in St. John, Indiana in February, 1971 and Bill's appearances before the parole board since then to assure that both of the criminals serve out their life sentences for the cold blooded murders they committed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
Robert Hawkins	11443 Valley Ct. St. John	365-3522
Shirley Hawkins	11443 Valley Ct. St. John	365-3522
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
LaVonne Spanier	1627 Warwick Ave. Whiting	659-4099
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Dr. Munster	
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Road, Munster	832-1042
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-3208
Rosemary Colby	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-0778
A. C. Colby	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-0778
David Kornaus	P.O. Box 2903, East Chicago	
Maurie O'Hern	241 Beverly Pl, Munster	
Gertrude Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave. Hammond	
Helen McGrath		
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor Ave. Hammond	
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave. Hammond	
W. C. Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave. Hammond	932-7671
Florence Cross Gallagher	1321 Birchwood Ave. Chicago	(312)274-9624
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Marge Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1996

The Hammond Historical Society Board meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by President Bill Tuley in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Eight members were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were published in the FLASHBACK and were accepted as printed. The treasurer presented totals as of February 29th of \$3519.95 in checking and \$3489.98 in savings.

The need for a nominating committee to act before the May dinner meeting was discussed. Louise Lukowski, Toni Caldwell and Elverta Seddelmeyer agreed to serve.

Lois reported on the dinner meeting set for May 16, 1996 at Temple Beth-El. It was decided to move the starting time up to 5:30 p.m. to accommodate the speaker who has to speak by 7:00 p.m. before he has another commitment. A reservation form for the dinner will be enclosed in the April FLASHBACK.

Louise Lukowski brought in a copy of the TIMES from a Sunday in October, 1995, commemorating the 50th year edition of the TIMES.

It was noted that member Alice Bollin had died.

It was suggested Dr. Trusty be asked to give a program on the history of Purdue. He is known to be working on a book on its celebration this year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Louise Lukowski
Thomas Rutkowski
Toni Caldwell
Elverta Seddelmeyer
William Tuley
Harry Black
Lois Sherby
Marjorie Sohl

2/29/96

Checking

3519.95

Savings

3489.98

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The Calumet Press"
Wednesday, March 6, 1996

***The Hammond
Historical Society***

Hammond — The Hammond Historical Society will meet on Sunday, March 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

Guest speaker will be Arthur Meyers, director of the Hammond Public Library.

His topic will be "Hammond's Beth-El Open Forum in 1926."

Meyers recently wrote a story on the Open Forum. His story appeared in the most recent issue of Traces Magazine published by the Indiana Historical Society.

The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Officers and directors will have a brief meeting at 1:30 p.m., prior to the regular meeting in the Calumet Room of the library.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1996

The monthly meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Tuley at 2:35 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 1996 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-three members or friends signed the attendance sheet.

Mr. Tuley summarized the business conducted at the previous board meeting naming the nominating committee, accepting the previous meetings' minutes and announced that Archibald McKinlay's mother had died at 96 years.

Since March had been designated the month of the founding of the Society, Bill Tuley gave a brief summary of three organizational meetings held in 1959 and 1960 with Mr. John Wilhelm being elected the first president in March, 1960. He in turn appointed the first set of officers. The first annual meeting was held in May, 1960.

The program for today was introduced, appropriately tracing a phase of local history. This also is Womens' History Month and Dr. Hedwig Kuhn, a woman, was primarily responsible for the founding of the Hammond Open Forum. Mr. Arthur Meyers, Library Director, spoke on the research he has been doing on the history of the Hammond Open Forum held at Temple Beth-El from 1923 to 1943. Some of this has been reported in an article in a recent issue of TRACES, published by the Indiana Historical Society but his research continues to update that article.

A summary from Mr. Meyers' notes appears elsewhere in this FLASHBACK where he outlined the development nationally of the Open Forum idea that featured a presentation of a current issue by an outstanding speaker and was followed by a question and answer period. Then he spoke of local leaders responsible for its founding at Temple Beth-El in the early 20's, Mr. Arthur Weiss and Dr. Hedwig Kuhn, primarily responsible for carrying on its programing and speakers.

The early years of the Open Forum were years of Ku Klux Klan activities and one of the early speakers at the Forum was W. E. B. DuBois, then leader of the N.A.A.C.P. Mr. Meyers' research of the correspondence between DuBois and Dr. Kuhn was enlightening.

Refreshments were served after a brief question and answer period.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Olive Seidler		
W. Dean Janowsky		
Hildu R. Hellman	1611 Chicago Avenue, Chicago	847-570-4447
Haroldine Hellman	1611 Chicago Avenue, Chicago	847-570-4447
Florence Cross Gallagher	1321 Birchwood Ave, Chicago	312-274-9624
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-3208
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St. Hammond	844-6355
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M. D. O'Hern	241 Beverly Pl. Munster	
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Edw. A. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Thomas Rutkowski		
Nolan Ahlborn	8943 Prairie Ave. Highland	838-2962
Mary Anne Ahlborn	8943 Prairie Ave. Highland	838-2962
Eugenia Montijo	P.O. Box 1327, Hammond	933-0021
Donna Djenka		
William Tuley		
Alvin R. Bialobrzski	Delavom, Wisconsin, 53115	
Lois Sherby		
Arthur Meyers		
Marcia Meyers		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
Sunday, April 21, 1996

Ten members of the Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library.

The nominating committee was still short several people to fill out the slate of nominees to be presented at the next meeting. They will speak to some members at the general meeting following this board meeting.

A gift for Mechele and David Burbank for their year's service as editor of the FLASHBACK was suggested. While we gave them a gift certificate before, it was agreed that a \$50 check would be more useful to be used wherever they wanted.

Lois was unable to be at this meeting but had reported the March 29, 1996 balances to be \$3495.28 in checking and \$3520.69 in savings.

Helen McGrath reported arrangements were made for a buffet set up for the annual meeting next month at Beth-El Temple. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. so Rabbi Stevens can speak to us and still get to a later meeting. Mechele will prepare the printed programs for us.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.,

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Louise Lukowski
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Suzanne Long
W. Tuley
Marjorie Sohl
Thomas Rutkowski
Helen McGrath
Toni Caldwell
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Harry Black

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sunday, April 21, 1996

The April meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Bill Tuley, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, 1996 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library.

Helen McGrath reported on the arrangements that had been made to hold the annual dinner meeting at Beth-El Temple at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21. Rabbi Michael Stevens will speak on the history of Beth-El. Reservations need to be made with a check for \$10 to Lois Sherby by May 15.

Bill Tuley introduced the speaker for today, Suzanne Long, our Calumet Room Librarian, but speaking today as Co-Chairman of the Pullman Collection which is a part of the South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society located in South Holland, Illinois. Suzanne distributed copies of the attached Historical Highlights of the Pullman Corporation with a kind of time line arrangement to help picture what a complicated organizational development Pullman has had.

The Pullman Collection attempts to house and index by personal name the work records of employees from 1900 thru 1950. Since the Standard Steel Car Company in Hammond was a part of Pullman, it has significance to Hammond history and genealogywork of area residents. They charge \$10 per name for a search. With the use of an overhead projector, Suzanne showed some of the work records and pointed out the kind of information that these records told about a person.

A more complete summary of her presentation appears elsewhere in the FLASH-BACK from her notes.

The meeting adjourned with conversations over coffee, tea and cookies.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 21, 1996

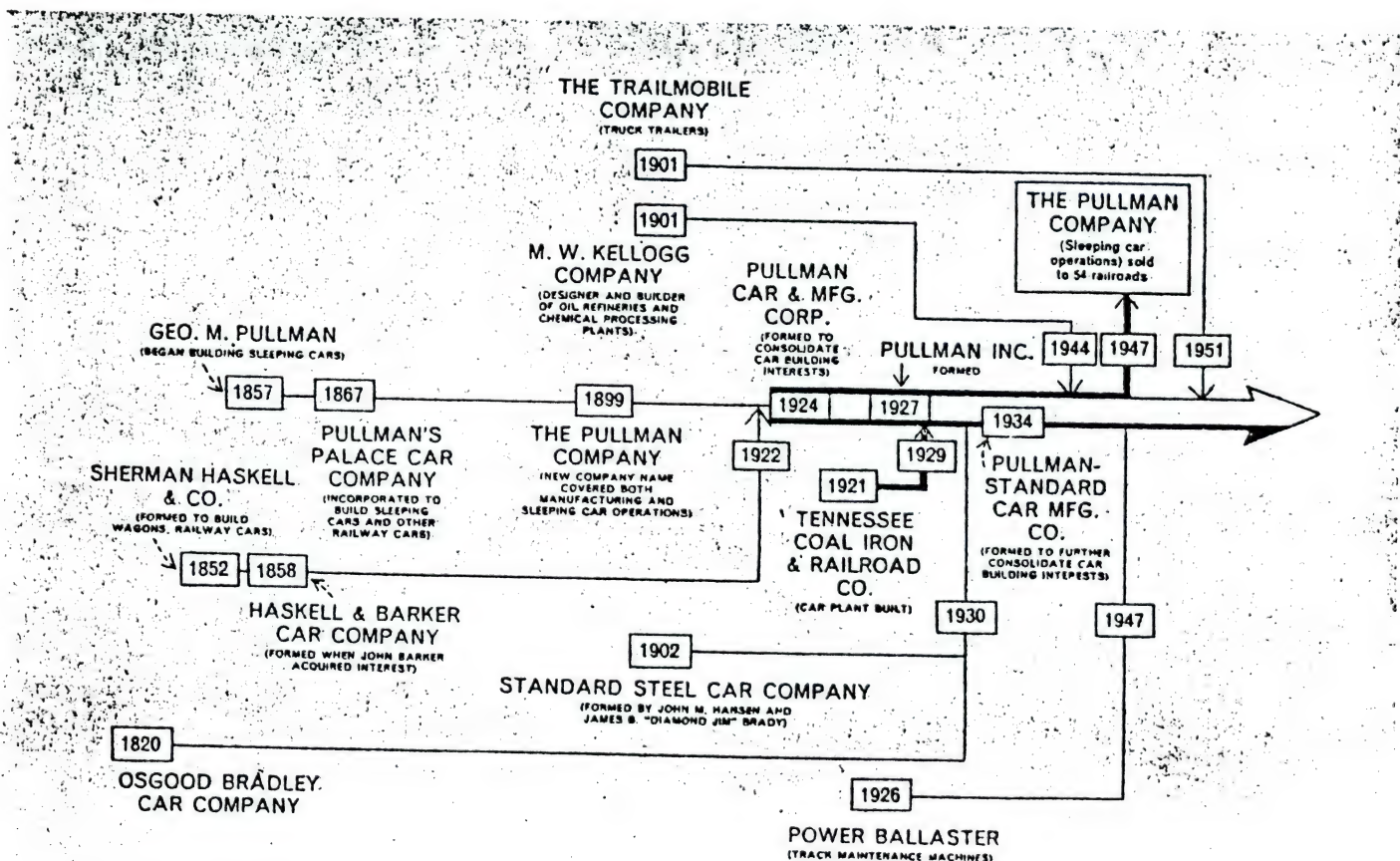
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Edith A. McBride	136 Naples Ct. Schererville	322-7292
Irene S Bonneau	7444 Magoun Ave. Hammond	844-3839
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
Luis Aguilera	7126 Schneider Ave. Hammond	
Vera Aguilera	7 126 Schneider Ave. Hammond	
George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5457
Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5457
Helen B. Tuley	7201 Cleveland Circle, Merrillville	756-7201
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-3208
Glen & Carolyn DeYoung	1705 Wilson St. Munster	
Julius & Irene Barbely	7545 Monroe Ave. Hammond	933-7386
M. O'Hern	241 Beverly Pl. Munster	836-8393
Babara Tieman	7633 Hohman Ave. Munster	836-9867
Alice Stelaw	6122 Van Buren Ave. Hammond	m 932-9343
Edw. A. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Louise J. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	933-7665
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-7415
Bob Kindle	7210 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	844-2596
Brian Poland	2204 Woodhollow, Hammond	844-3351
Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St. #253, Hammond	844-6355
Carter Martin	1512 - 169th St. #253, Hammond	844-6355
Harry Black		
Gerry Peiffer, M.D.		
L. Spanier	1627 Warwick Ave. Whiting	659-4099
Ruth & John Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave. Hammond	845-3498
Marge Sohl		

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Historical Highlights

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| <p>1867. Pullman's Palace Car Company organized to build and operate sleeping cars and to build other types of railway cars.</p> <p>1899. Name changed to The Pullman Company.</p> <p>1921. Haskell & Barker Car Company acquired, extending The Pullman Company's interest in freight car-building field.</p> <p>1924. Pullman Car & Manufacturing Corporation formed to consolidate the railroad carbuilding interests of The Pullman Company.</p> <p>1927. Pullman Incorporated formed, with The Pullman Company and Pullman Car & Manufacturing Corporation as its principal subsidiaries.</p> | <p>1930. Pullman Incorporated acquired Standard Steel Car Company and Osgood-Bradley Car Company.</p> <p>1934. Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Company formed to consolidate the railroad carbuilding interests of Pullman Incorporated.</p> <p>1944. Pullman Incorporated acquired The M. W. Kellogg Company as a wholly owned subsidiary.</p> <p>1947. Pullman Incorporated sold The Pullman Company, operator of sleeping cars, to a group of railroads pursuant to court decree in Federal anti-trust suit.</p> <p>1951. Pullman Incorporated formed Trailmobile Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary, which acquired substantially all of the assets of The Trailmobile Company.</p> |
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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tuesday, May 28, 1996

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was changed from the announced date of May 21 to a week later on Tuesday, May 28, 1996 because of a conflict of scheduling at Beth-El Temple which was hosting the meeting this year.

The evening began with a welcome by the president, Bill Tuley, and the invocation by Rabbi Michael Stevens. A catered dinner was served from a buffet table.

The business meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by the president. Minutes of the last annual meeting had been published so were not read at this time. Lois Sherby explained the financial statement printed on the evening program that showed a balance in the checking account of \$3464.78. The treasurer's books will be submitted to audit by Arnold Rose.

Bill Tuley presented the attached summary of the past year mentioning in addition to speakers at our regular monthly meetings, the society observed its own founder's day, participated in the dedication of the Hohman Avenue Overpass, and started discussions with the city administration over the possibility of creating a Hammond History Museum.

Toni Caldwell presented the attached report of the nominating committee made up of herself as chairman, Louise Lukowski and Elverta Seddelmeyer.

President - William Tuley
1st Vice President - Dr. Geraldine Peiffer
2nd Vice President - Lois Sherby
3rd Vice President - Suzanne Long
4th Vice President - Antoinette Caldwell
5th Vice President - Helen McGrath
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Lois Sherby

Directors for term expiring May 2000

Robert Kindle
Louise Lukowski
Tom Rutkowski
John Swanson
Ruth Swanson

Replacement Directors

Olive Seidler for Carter Martin - Term expiring May 1997
Helen McGrath for Mark Ferrari deceased, Term expiring May, 1998.

There being no nominations from the floor, the presented slate was declared the elected slate.

Toni Caldwell then recognized the eleven members who died during the past year. The name of Alice Bollin was added since the programs were printed: John F. Beckman, Jr., Robert C. Brown, Mark Ferrari, Alice G. Fuzy, Willard Jonas, Winifred Lammering, Grace Mack, Lois Newell, Hazel Paterson and Mary Ruch.

Rabbi Michael Stevens, the current Rabbi at Beth-El Temple, summarized the 85 years of the synagogue's history. It was chartered in 1911 as the reformed congregation. Many members now are children and grandchildren of the founders. As many early churches, they first met in homes, then they shared a building on Sibley Street with the conservative congregation and by 1924 felt the need for a larger building of their own. They acquired the Conkey mansion across from Harrison Park. 40 years ago, in 1955, they moved into the present Temple. They reached their peak membership of 240 in 1960 and have experienced a slow decline since then.

The church has always been active in civil rights and social issues as was apparent by their starting and conducting for many years in the '20s and '30s the Open Forum.

Rabbi Stevens then took the group on a tour of the facility to the sanctuary and thru the education wing of 10 classrooms. About 8 years ago they added a library which is well used and a source of pride. The history of the Temple is well illustrated with a time line on the wall in the hall. It covers their history from 1911 to their 75th anniversary ten year ago.

The meeting concluded at 9 p.m. after a very informative evening.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1996 B-9

Society will have dinner

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will have its annual dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Temple Beth-El, 6947 Hohman Ave.

Rabbi Michael Stevens will speak. Election of officers also will be held. Friends and guests are invited.

Reservations need to be made by Monday.

The cost is \$10 per person, and checks should be sent to: Lois Sherby, 6919 Ridgeland Ave., Hammond, IN 46324.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE

Tuesday, May 28, 1996

Ann Beckman
Harry Black
Warren & Judy Black
Helen Byrd
Toni Caldwell
Donna Djenka & J. Simenos
George & Marguerite Elkins
Lorraine Ferrari & 2 daughters
Genevieve Klacik
Suzanne Long
Ed & Louise Lukowski
Helen McGrath
Fred & Mary Jane Messman
Violet Milne & Judy Groves
Arthur & Marcia Meyers
Gerry Peiffer
Ida & Frances Polito
Elverta V. Seddelmeyer
Lois Sherby
Marge Sohl
Martha Steele
Rabbi Michael Stevens
Isabel Storey
Bill Tuley and Helen
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Volkman
Marion Wheeler
Cora Lee Woodward

ANNUAL REPORT

In giving an annual report one is forced to look back over the past 12 months to find the achievements, the good things that have happend.

The Hammond Historical Society is now a year older. The name is not only a year older, but the membership is also a year older. So I honestly think the greatest achievement during the past year is the fact that we have survived in spite of age, to continue to make every effort to preserve the history of Hammond with our programs during the year. It is true the programs sometimes tend to stray from the actual history of Hammond and branch out into County, State or National history. Nontheless, it is all history we are interested in.

Last year we decided to name the third Sunday in March, every year, as FOUNDER'S DAY. This was done to honor the founding fathers of the Hammond Historical Association, as it was originally called.

We were asked by the Mayor's office to cooperate in the festivities of the dedication of the Hohman Avenue Overpass in August. Our participation consisted of joining the mayor and other digitararies in a walk to the crest of the overpass and there re-enact the conversation between Marcus Towle and Mr. Hammond, that resulted in the naming of the city. To add to the re-enactment we were dressed in clothes of the period. The Historical Society, after the affair manned a table with many photo displays of Hammon.

The possability of creating a Hammond Historical Society Museum was discussed and we met with a representative of the Mayor to discuss a cooperative venture in this matter. Mr. Meyers, Director of the Hammond Libraries mentioned that the

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Sawyer Branch Library may be made available to us. A survey as to the future use of the various branch libraries is under way, and the report will not be available until this fall. In the meantime, everything is pretty much on hold until that report is finished.

I do notice that it is still difficult to get members willing to assume becoming an officer at the annual election. Consequently our officers tend to be the same year after year. I wish there was a solution to that problem. If anyone has the answer please let us know what to do.

I think it has been a good year for The Hammond Historical Society, and God willing the next 12 months will also be good.

In closing this report I want to thank the membership for their help and cooperation in helping the society to continue to move forward.

Report of nominating committee, Hammond Historical Society
Officers and Board, 1996-1997

President - William Tuley
1st Vice President - Dr Geraldine Peiffer
2nd Vice President - Lois Sherby
3rd Vice President - Suzanne Long
4th Vice President - Antoinette Caldwell
5th Vice President - Helen McGrath
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Lois Sherby

Directors for term expiring May 2000

New - John Swanson *7234 Alexander Ave, Hammond 46323*

Ruth Swanson

Renewing term - Robert Kindle

Louise Lukowski

Tom Rutkowski

845-3498

Replacement Directors

1610 Camellia Dr. Munster 922-1215
Olive Seidler for Carter Martin - Term expiring May 1997

Helen McGrath for Mark Ferrari deceased, Term expiring May 1998

The committee thanks those who have accepted nomination and renomination and those who have served but due to health have resigned: Carter Martin and Paul Caldwell, and Dorothy Hickman who is relocating to Monticello In.

Louise Lukowski
Antoinette Caldwell
Elverta Seddelmeyer

**The
Hammond
Historical
Society's 36th
Annual
Dinner
Meeting
May 28, 1996
5:30 p.m.**

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**HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
36TH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
MAY 28, 1996 5:30 P.M.**

**BETH-EL TEMPLE
6947 HOHMAN AVENUE
HAMMOND, INDIANA**

WELCOME WILLIAM TULEY

INVOCATION

*** DINNER ***

**BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting -- Marjorie Sohl, Secretary
Annual Financial Report -- Lois Sherby, Treasurer
President's Report -- William Tuley, President
Nominating Committee Report -- Antoinette Caldwell**

MEMORIAL SERVICE Antoinette Caldwell

IN MEMORY OF:

Robert C. Brown	Mark Ferrari	Willard Jonas
Winifred Lammering	Grace "Gracie" Mack	Lois Newell
Hazel Paterson	Mary Ruch	Alice G. Fuzy
John F. Beckman, Jr.		

HISTORY OF BETH-EL TEMPLE Rabbi Michael Stevens

OFFICERS 1995-1996

President	William T. Tuley
1st Vice President	Mary Milakovic
2nd Vice President	Lois Sherby
3rd Vice President	Isabel Storey
4th Vice President	Antoinette Caldwell
5th Vice President	Helen McGrath
Secretary	Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer	Lois Sherby

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MAY 1, 1995 - APRIL 30, 1996**

Balance on Hand, May 1, 1995	\$4,400.52
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Interest 108.35	Service Charge 68.21
Dues 1,021.00	Postage 397.87
Books 167.00	Newsletter 940.32
Dr. Trusty/Centennial	Dr. Trusty/Centennial
Portrait 280.00	Portrait 750.00
Donations 100.00	Supplies 294.56
Annual Dinner 470.00	Refreshments 25.00
Postage 7.94	Miscellaneous 150.00
	Annual Dinner 454.07
	State Fees 10.00
Total Receipts <u>\$2,154.29</u>	\$2,154.29
	Total Disbursements <u>\$3,090.03</u>
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**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE
ON HAND - APRIL 30, 1996 \$3,464.78**

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DIRECTORS

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Term thru May 1996

Paul Caldwell
Dorothy Hickman
Robert Kindle
Louise Lukowski
Tom Rutkowski

Term thru May 1997

Fern Arnold
Méchele Burbank
Mabelle Durand
Carter Martin
Virginia Morgan

Term thru May 1998

Harry Black
Mark Ferrari*
Carol Kutak
Suzanne Long
Dr. Geraldine Peiffer

Term thru May 1999

Calvin Bellamy
Averill Colby
Margery Hindmarch
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Harold Story

PAST PRESIDENTS

1959-1995

1959-60 John Wilhelm*	1960-61 Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*
1961-62 Edward B. Hayward*	1962-63 Mrs. Vincent Bower
1963-64 George Nelson	1964-65 Anton Tapper*
1965-66 Mrs. Mary Peters*	1966-67 Mrs. Harry Wilson*
1967-68 Walter Bell*	1968-69 Mrs. Henry Cleveland*
1969-70 Marjorie Sohl	1970-71 Gordon Whitney
1971-72 Verlyn Mack*	1972-73 Mrs. Nina Cravens*
1973-74 Mrs. Leona Schreiber	1974-75 Kurt Marx*
1975-76 Fern Arnold	1976-77 Mrs. Evainez Jonas*
1977-78 Verlyn Mack*	1978-79 Charles McGregor*
1979-80 Jules Ebert*	1980-82 Bert Hindmarch*
1982-83 Jerome Kutak*	1983-85 Roger Reeder
1985-86 Theodore Shatkowski*	1986-87 Hazel Lindstrom*
1987-89 Averill Colby	1989-91 Mrs. Wanda Seevers
1991-93 Robert Kindle	1993-95 Dr. Geraldine Peiffer
1995-96 William Tuley	

* Deceased

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1996

The Board of Directors meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by the president, Bill Tuley. Eleven members were present. The meeting was in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library.

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as published in the FLASHBACK. The treasurer reported on financial activity since last April 30 showing a current balance of \$3696.27 in the checking and \$4748.38 in savings.

Toni Caldwell reported that she and four other members had staffed a booth at the "Old Munster Days" last weekend. She described the program there and how much they all had enjoyed the day.

Gerry Peiffer indicated the programs scheduled for the next three months:

Oct. 20 - Gloria Dolson on East Chicago

Nov. 17 - Dr. Van Orman on Frontier of American Culture

Dec. 15 - Archibald McKinlay on Indiana Jewish History

Programming for next year is still being scheduled.

The meeting adjourned to move to the Community Room to enjoy the program arranged for today.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

G. M. Peiffer, M.D.

Bill Tuley

Lois Sherby

Fern Arnold

Helen McGrath

Michele L. Burbank

Helen B. Tuley

Toni Caldwell

Louise Lukowski

Olive Seidler

Marjorie Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1996

The first meeting of the fall season for the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:35 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-six members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Minutes of the April 21 and May 28 general meetings were accepted as published in the FLASHBACK. The treasurer reported a current balance of \$3696.27. Bill Tuley announced we will be having a meeting in December this year on Dec. 15, to be held jointly with the Hammond Public Library and presenting a history of the Jewish faith in Indiana by Archibald McKinlay.

Dr. Gerry Peiffer introduced the speaker for today, Greg Troxell, Director, Regulatory Affairs for NIPSCO. He manages the gas and electric rate function, including policy analysis and evaluation of competitive issues. From 1977 to 1994 he had a similar job for PSI Energy until he joined NIPSCO in 1994.

By the use of projections on the screen from the overhead projector he showed what he was speaking about. NIPSCO, as most other large electric companies, was formed out of the joining together of four smaller electric companies.

1. Ft. Wayne, 1853, 1st organized, \$65,000 capital stock
2. Lafayette, 1854, Franchise for 6000 people
3. South Bend, 1868, Studebaker family interest, 35,000 people
4. Elkhart, 1871, 50 year franchise, passed to George T. Murdock Family.

The Calumet Region developed industrially rapidly after it was settled.

- 1869 - George Hammond
- 1889 - Standard Oil
- 1901 - Inland Steel
- 1906 - U. S. Steel
- 1908 - Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend Railroad

Calumet Region Utility Companies grew correspondently .

- 1881 - Michigan City Gas & Light Company
- 1893 - Hammond Gas & Electric Company
- 1896 - Whiting
- 1901 - Hammond Illuminating
- 1906 - Gary Heat, Light and Water
- 1909 - Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Company - Consolidation
- 1912 - Calumet Electric Company

Samuel Insull, President of what is now Commonwealth Edison, was the first one to figure out how to pay for the product and raised holding companies to an art form. Edison battled with Westinghouse over AC₁-DC and was able to connect communities. Midland Utilities was Insull's company which owned Calumet Electric and purchased Northern Indiana Gas and Electric. In 1926 Calumet Electric became Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

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In 1924 Dean Mitchell came to the company and moved thru the many offices to president. In 1930 the northern companies went to NIPSCO and PSI took Lafayette and the southern companies. In 1932 Insull seized control of NIPSCO and in 1947 Midland Utilities divested holding of NIPSCO. In 1962 NIPSCO became listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

From 1880 to 1900 there was a natural gas boom in northern Indiana and gas was wasted until 1905 when the age of regulation began. In 1920 the first federal legislation was passed creating the Federal Power Commission.

In 1929 came the stock market crash, economic depression, and the collapse of the Insull empire and consolidation took place. In 1935 Congress passed the Public Utilities Holding Company Act and the Federal Power Act.

The war in the 40's saved a lot of dying companies by the increased need and use of power. The 50's - 70's was a period of post-war expansion and of declining unit cost for electricity.

The 1970's brought economic inflation, energy conservation, environmental and nuclear reform. "Everything old is new again." The 1980's are known for natural gas reform and competitions, electric surplus and new producers. The 1990's are again the time for mergers and consolidations, competition and who knows what else is to come yet.

Mr. Troxell showed graphs and charts of income, taxes, rates and usage from 1930's to 1950 which are known as the Dean Mitchell years. He concluded by answering a few individual questions followed by a time of conversation over cookies and coffee.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1996
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.	
Caryl Juergens	845-9490
Helen B. Tuley	756-7201
Frederick Juergens	
Toni Caldwell	845-9490
Marion Wheeler	931-9070
Olympia Bereolos Anton	932-2034
Diamond Nickias	708-862-3151
Fern Arnold	923-2045
Olive Seidler	922-1215
Catherine E. Shostrone, West Palm Beach, FL	
Machele L. Burbank	844-0188
Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Lukowski, Jr.	933-7665
Helen McGrath	932-7415
Harry Black	932-1798
Nolan Ahlborn	838-2962
Mary Anne Ahlborn	838-2962
Lois Sherby	844-6796
Olive Martin	844-6355
Carter Martin	844-6355
Anne Beckman	931-2981
Mary Ratalski	931-8691
David Norris	937-9058
Greg Troxell	
Marge Sohl	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1996

The Board meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library on Sunday, October 20, 1996. President Bill Tuley presided. Ten members attended. The audit of the treasurer's records was done and reported all is in order.

Suzanne Long presented a suggestion for the Society to organize a Cemetery Tour of Oak Hill Cemetery as an activity to raise funds as well as publicize the organization. She was familiar with this being done elsewhere to select ten to twelve sites to visit and tell the interesting stories connected with each of the individuals. She was willing to do the organizing and research for such a project. Mabelle Durand moved that we plan such an activity for next spring or fall, second by Olive Seidler, carried.

Bill Tuley presented the appeal for support from the Homeowners for Retaining the Harrison Park Historic District. A group of disgruntled citizens has started a movement to disband the Harrison Park Historic District. Understanding the gains to the community that have resulted from the Historic District designation, the Board voted to send a letter to each of the Council members to support the continuing of the District. Immediate action was necessary because a vote was scheduled at the October 28 Council meeting.

The next meeting, scheduled for Sunday, November 17, will feature Dr. Van Orman of Purdue University Calumet in conjunction with the Hammond Public Library's Frontier of American Culture Exhibit.

Bill suggested members visiting the Historic Museums in Marshall County, LaPorte County and Plymouth as good examples of what we might do.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Mabelle Durand
Olive Seidler
William Tuley
Toni Caldwell
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Ruth Swanson
John Swanson
Suzanne Long
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Marjorie Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1996

The October meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:40 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-five members and friends signed the attendance sheet. Minutes of the September meeting were accepted as printed in the FLASHBACK.

The speaker for the day was introduced, Gloria A. Dosen, the Administrative Assistant to the East Chicago Room of the East Chicago Public Library. She set up a display board of selected photographs of East Chicago history. She gave a rambling history of East Chicago which celebrated 100 years of organization in 1993. To a sandy, marshy, unfarmable land, visited by early 1800's travelers like Father Marquette, came the Clark family as early settlers who started a saw mill in the Harbor area. When Col. Riley brought the railroads thru the area, industry soon followed. Mark Manufacturing was the first industry in the Harbor in 1893. Inland Steel soon followed in 1901. Almost separate cities developed on each side of the canal but were combined in one city government.

Mrs. Dosen spoke primarily of the holdings of the East Chicago Room as they reflect periods of East Chicago history and the various ethnic groups which came to settle the area as they found work they could do in the industries that developed there. They settled in ethnic neighborhoods, especially Polish, Mexican, Afro-American and Puerto Rican. She responded to questions and comments from the audience, some of whom had lived or worked in East Chicago.

A representative of the Homeowners for Retaining the Harrison Park Historic District, Yvonne Saladino, attended the meeting and spoke to the group in an appeal for support at the October 28 Council meeting and by sending letters to the Council members to express their views. She was informed of Board action taken at the Board meeting preceeding this meeting to send a letter of support to each councilman.

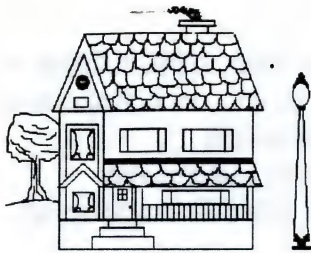
The meeting adjourned for refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1996

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Hildur Hellman	1611 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL	847-570-4447
Haraldine Hellman	1611 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL	847-570-4447
Florence Cross Gallagher	1321 Birchwood Ave, Chicago, IL	312-274-9624
Ted Myjewski	5618 Calumet Ave, Hammond, IN	937-1575
Joan Huber	7230 Woodmar Ave, Hammond, IN	845-9739
John Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave, Hammond, IN	845-3498
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave, Hammond, IN	845-3498
Ed Petyo	4019 Grover Ave, Hammond, IN	931-9470
LaVonne Spanier	1627 Warwick Ave, Whiting, IN	659-4099
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond, IN	931-9070
Clifford L. Barrett	7610 Missouri Ave, Hammond, IN	844-0841
Elaine L. Barrett	7610 Missouri Ave, Hammond, IN	844-0841
Gene Anderson	829 State St, Hammond, IN	933-7488
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave, Hammond, IN	
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond, IN	
W. C. Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond, IN	932-7671
Gertrude Volkmann	6 415 Forest Ave, Hammond, IN	932-7671
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave, Hammond, IN	932-7415
M. D. O'Hern		
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Road, Munster, IN	836-1042
Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Dr. Munster, IN	922-1215
Ethel F. Byrne	7629 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond, IN	844-2658
Anne Beckman	30 Indi Illi Pkwy, Hammond, IN	931-2981
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond, IN	932-3208
Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St., #253, Hammond, IN	844-6355
Carter Martin	1512 - 169th St., #253, Hammond, IN	844-6355
Yvonne Saladino	39 Mason St, Hammond, IN	853-8031
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Hanover	7247 Olcott Ave, Hammond, IN	845-3388
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Rich	4177 Oak Lane, Gary, IN	845-3388
		884-7746
Matt Rich	4177 Oak Lane, Gary, IN	884-7746
William Tuley		
Marge Sohl		
Speaker, Gloria A. Dozen	East Chicago	397-6715



HARRISON PARK
HISTORIC DISTRICT

**** PUBLIC NOTICE ****

*Homeowners for Retaining
The Harrison Park Historic District*

*Our Harrison Park Historical District Designation
MAY BE REVOKED !!*

WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!

You may or may not be aware, there is a movement to disband the Harrison Park Historic District. Many people have strong feelings regarding this issue. We believe all of us agree the District has brought new people into the community, dramatically increased property values, and put a skidding halt to profiteers cutting houses into apartments. We are in support of maintaining the historic district, but would like to see some "easing of the rules" and "streamlining of the procedures" with regard to obtaining the necessary building permits. Our petition supports maintaining the historic district, WITH CHANGES.

Mr. McKinley Nutall, our councilman-3rd District, has presented to the City Council, a request to rescind Ordinance #5007. Mr. Wess Miller and others, have obtained over two hundred signatures on a petition, in support of revocation; which was presented to the Hammond Common Council on Monday, September 23, 1996.

While circulating our petition for signatures, many of the residents we spoke with indicated they already signed a petition presented to them by Mr. Miller, explaining to us they were told the petition supported keeping the historic designation, but "doing away" with the historic Commission. It appears Mr. Miller may have misrepresented the contents of the "petition to rescind", as it clearly urges the Hammond Common Council to repeal the designation of Harrison Park as a Historic District.

We believe, that if the historic district is dissolved, there will be severe economic consequences, such as loss of property value, a loss of new people entering the community, and an invitation/return to unscrupulous property owners - profiteers.

If you believe you have signed the petition rescinding the district, and were misrepresented of its contents, PLEASE write a letter to the Hammond Common Council, Attn: Mr. M. Nutall. Also, please forward a copy of your letter to Yvonne Saladino, 39 Mason Street, Hammond, 46320.

In addition, we are urging you to sign the petition in support of maintaining the historic district, WITH CHANGES. We will have volunteers walking the neighborhood for signatures, beginning October 12. Should you not be at home when someone comes for your signature, but would like to sign, please call Yvonne Saladino - 853-8031 for a copy of the petition to sign.

Finally, to voice your concerns, a public hearing is scheduled for October 28th, 1996, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, just before the regular city council meeting. We urge everyone to plan on saying one or two sentences in support of **AMENDING THE CURRENT ORDINANCE ... BUT NOT REVOKING IT!** The Council meeting could last several hours, and it is very important that all who are in support of maintaining the district stay until it is our turn to speak.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND - Monday, October 28, 1996 @ 6:00 pm til ??

Hammond Common Council - Hammond City Hall
5925 Calumet Avenue, Room 205 - Hammond, IN 46320
(Enter through Police Records Entrance - South Side of Building - If Main Doors are Locked)

Phone: (219) 853-6404 or (219) 853-6392 Fax: 219 853-6420

In addition, it would be great if you could write a short letter to our councilman, Mr. McKinley Nutall, expressing your feelings. It is important that you request in your letter that he forward a copy of your letter to all the councilman. Also, so that one person will have verification of all correspondence which has been sent to the council, please forward a copy of your letter to Yvonne Saladino (Address on Page 1)

Hammond Council Members - 1996

Councilmen at Large

Robert A. Markovich	1821 Davis	Whiting	46394	659-5376
Frank Mrvan	6732 Maryland	Hammond	46323	844-3375
Edward G. Repay	7950 Birch Dr.	Hammond	46324	845-3723

Hammond Council Members - 1996

District Councilmen

1st, Dr. George T. Jancosek	939 119th Str.	Whiting	46394	659-8922
2nd, Alfonso Salinas	1148 Michigan	Hammond	46320	931-5599
3rd, McKinley Nutall	1035 Drackert	Hammond	46320	931-7228
4th, David A. Hamm	7219 Woodlawn	Hammond	46324	931-4127
5th, Joseph Zubrenic, Jr.	7404 Parrish	Hammond	46323	844-1355
6th, Robert J. Golec	6743 New Hampshire	Hammond	46323	845-5822

You may also want to forward a copy of your letter to The Times (opinion section) and request that they print your letter. Mail to:

The Times
601 45th Avenue
Munster, IN 46321

We realize that this takes TIME ... but it's everyone's community ... PLEASE help to maintain the positive perception of our community, by folks from out of the area, by voicing your opinion to

***KEEP THE HARRISON PARK AREA
A HISTORIC DISTRICT***

Written and Distributed by: John Conway - 263 Webb
Chuck Rocek - 44 Mason
Yvonne Saladino - 39 Mason

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1996
BOARD MEETING

A brief November Board meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, November 17, 1996 before the regular program meeting of the Society. Eight members attended.

Meeting and Flashback schedules were discussed. No Flashback or Board meeting is scheduled for December. However a December meeting of the Society is scheduled to be held on Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m. as a part of a grant from the Indiana Humanities Council. Archibald McKinlay, TIMES columnist on the Calumet Region, will speak on the "Jewish Experience in the Calumet Region." The next Flashback will be in January, 1997, before the January meeting scheduled on January 19, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. to be preceeded by a Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.

A request for support from the Historic Preservation Commission was read and tabled for later action.

Delays in the publication of Flashback have resulted from our trying to save costs by having the printing done in the school print shop and its having to be affected by the school schedule. We need to review our expenses to determine if we need to increase dues or appeal for tax deductable donations before the next dues year in May, 1997.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Lois Sherby
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Thomas Rutkoski
Suzanne Long
Ruth Swanson
John Swanson
William Tuley
Marge Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1996

The November meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, November 17, 1996, at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-three members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Minutes of the October 20, 1996 meeting were accepted as printed in the November Flashback. The treasurer reported a balance of \$3783.55 in the checking account and \$4883.56 in the savings.

Arthur Meyers, Library Director, introduced the speaker for the program, Dr. Richard Van Orman, a Professor at Purdue Calumet. He was speaking as a part of a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant received in conjunction with the traveling exhibition to American Libraries entitled "The Frontier in American Culture." It is on display at the Hammond Library October 31 to December 12, 1996.

Mr. Van Orman made an interesting running comparison of the two important representatives in the history of the American West, Buffalo Bill and John Wayne. They both experienced long careers of about 40 years. Both died at about the same age: Cody at 71 and Wayne at 72. Both aged very well publically as representatives of the frontier fighting for America, Cody in a real war and Wayne as a substitute hero on film, not in a real war. Both were super heroes known around the world as representatives of the American way of life, the American Spirit. Both were born in Iowa. Cody created the image of the Wild West and created the character that Wayne portrayed to the public which was fascinated with cowboys. Both were big, 180 to 190 pounds, over six feet tall, powerful and tough. Both believed in the Westward experience. Clint Eastwood is the last of these Western heroes. Both got experience out of the Civil War. Cody was in it. Wayne got his from grand stories. Both were real white American Saxons. Both converted to Catholic faith, Wayne on his deathbed. Dime novels helped create Western heroes. B movies helped create Waynes reputation and develop him into a great actor. Cody was a great showman and created charisma. Both were gentlemen, tough and mean but did it with gentleness. Both lived in two worlds, the past and the actual. Both were killers and survivors. Both got lonely. We all have the image of John Wayne that our fathers and grandfathers had of Buffalo Bill.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Checking acct

Balance 10/31 3783.55

Savings acct

9/30-

4883.56

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1996
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Michelle Runyon	1641 - 171st St. Hammond	845-9412
Jodie Runyon	1641 - 171st St. Hammond	845-9412
Joan Huber	7230 Woodmar Ave. Hammond	845-9739
Arthur Meyers	6537 Kansas Ave. Hammond	844-9739
R. Van Orman	Purdue University	989-1474
Beverly Overmeyer	110 N. 461 St. Valpo	759-4956
David A. Taylor	2912 - 44th St. Highland	unlisted
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
LaVonne Spanier	1627 Warwick Ave. Whiting	659-4099
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Ave. Hammond	844-6796
Jim Bell	7142 Magoun Ave. Hammond	844-7270
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave. Hammond	845-3498
John Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave. Hammond	845-3498
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-3208
William Tuley		
Dorothy Ford	1274 Greenbay, Calumet City	862-2919
Leona Levin	1535 Brown Ave. Whiting	6 59-6157
Harry Levin	1535 Brown Ave. Whiting	659-6157
Mr. & Mrs. Edw. A. Lukowski	Hammond	933-7665
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave. Hammond	931-6878
Thomas Rutkoski		
Marge Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1996

The meeting held on Sunday, December 15, 1996 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library was jointly sponsored by the Hammond Historical Society, the Indiana Jewish Geneological Society, and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and was partially supported by the grant from the Indiana Endowment of the Humanities.

The meeting was moderated by Mr. Paul Bloomberg of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, headquartered in Fort Wayne. His remarks centered around the U.S. President's quotation "No one to waste" which he expanded to "Everybody is somebody and nobody is nobody." We live shared lives in one community. This year celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and this meeting is a part of that celebration. Jewish

Introduced then was the speaker of the day, Mr. Archibald McKinlay, TIMES columnist on the Calumet Region, to speak on the "Jewish Experience in the Calumet Region." In preparation for this presentation, Mr. McKinlay looked for big events in the Jewish community. He found nothing remarkable and that is what is remarkable. The Jews who came here fit the needs and they filled those needs nicely.

Mr. McKinlay then considered prominent leaders in each of the Region communities who were probably Jews, many from Germany, and mentioned their contributions to the developing community and area. The G. H. Hammond Slaughter House was the first industry here and grew as it developed the refrigeration system and the by-products of the meat industry. Stine and Hirsh were early workers there as was Max Goodman, a foreman on the killing floor.

Inland Steel or the Chicago Steel Company came to East Chicago/Indiana Harbor. Phillip Block and Leopold Block came to operate it from Block & Pollock, suppliers from Cincinnati. Romanians, Germans and Russians were recruited to work the mills. From 1882 to 1921, 1/3 of the Jewish population of Europe came to the United States and many of those came to the Chicago area, especially around Maxwell Street and the West side. The German Jews settled mostly south and the Russian Jews to the West. General American began in the Stock Yards of East Chicago. Two large factories in East Chicago were founded by Jews. Joseph Hyames started the Homo Cigar factory and Sanisbar who came from Israel was instrumental in the power company. East Chicago became the dumping ground for nuisance industries. Most of the Jews started in the merchantile businesses and as peddlers because it was an easy way to get started. They were not dependant on anyone else. Max Brazowski was a peddler who bought up from manufacturers and distributed to others. No cop would ever bother a peddler.

Kaufman and Wolf started as a shoe store in Hammond and later baled out to Goldblatts that became the first enclosed mall. In Indiana Harbor Lewis Barkawfski started Barker's Furniture. In East Chicago Sam Cohen started the first business and brought along his three sons, Harry, Abe and Hyman. Julius Friedman started as a liquor salesman and got into jewelry stores. Abe Kaplan was connected with the Bronfson Brothers in Canada. Dr. Rosenblum was a professional in Gary. In education, a Miss Spector at Roosevelt High School paid for music lessons for Vivian Del Chiesa. Other names mentioned were Rabbi Kahn and Mez Mezzrow, a Jazz musician.

Mr. Bloomberg concluded the meeting by reading a proclamation by Mayor Dedelow declaring December as Jewish History Month. Questions brought out the fact that there are estimated to be about 12000 Jewish households in the Calumet Region or about 23000 people. Mr. McKinlay in place of accepting an honorarium for his presentation invited attendees to identify themselves at Miles Book Store for a free copy of his latest book, "Reejin Archetypes." The meeting adjourned with cookies, coffee and tea.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary, HHS

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NameAddress

Fred & Otto Buchsbaum	18426 Gottschalk Homewood
Ernie Aaron	18946 S Loomis Homewood
Helen Kraus	318 Fairbanks Munster
BURT OFSAINT	6552 FOREST AV. , Hammond
Elaine Lipe	10430 So. Nashville - C.R.
Alice A. Smith	Park Forest
Marilyn Lichtenstein	Park Forest
Udo Courston	Park Forest
Fay Reith	Homewood
Judy Bacht	Homewood
Roslyn Greenberg	Homewood
Harry Black	Hammond
Sam Ruffey, MD	Hammond
Helen McBrath	Hammond
Hannah Levin	Highland
Roy Green/Boh Anderson	Highland
Arthur + Ida Friedman	Munster
Lucille Lawrence	Crown Point
Jane Ellen + Bob Rottler	Sauy
M.D. O'HERN	29 PMU etc.

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NameAddress

David R. Mandel	Munster
Ursula Mansbacher	1005 Wingate
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DR. JACK & MILDRED STERN	332 Gentry Street Park Forest 60466
Sam + Eva Weinstein	5201 S CORNELL 235 CHICAGO 60615
Alan Goodman	8124 4th Pl. W. Highland 46321
Gene Rusing	413 N Main R.D. 46307
Ruth Lett	631 So Court St C.P 46307
MRS. ERNEST WINTER	4720 Main St, Lowell, Ind. 46356
Ernest and Ursula Fruehauf	1118 Franklin MUNSTER, IN 46321
BABE & SAM SAX	1423 Kraft Dr. Munster IN 46321
Alycia Friedman	7227 Baring Pkwy - apt 46321
Bertha RABIN	11 Beverly Pl - Munster, IN 46321
Quick & Oster	6748 Ind- Illi Park, Hammond, IN 46324
Adel Giesler	Munster
Jack Fogelman	Munster
Howard Rumbaut	East Chicago Ind
Jacob Talence	7090 Lindbergh, Hammond
CAROL MARTIN	151V - 16945
OLIVE MARTIN	151V - 16945
TED MYSEWSKI	HAMMOND

Hammond Historical Society
Dec. 15, 1996

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Hamil	932-1798
Eleanor Jordan	742 E. Libby Bolton IL	841-1058
ALVIN & SOPHIE HANOVER	7247 OLCOTT AVE. HAMMOND	845-2388
Robert L. Kofsky	8150 Hohman-Munster	836-1036

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1997

Only six members of the Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society were present for the Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 1997 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library.

Lois Sherby presented the financial statement showing a checking account balance of \$3808.19 and a Life Membership Savings Account balance of \$4922.93.

Bill reported on his meeting with Arthur Meyers just shortly before Mr. Meyers resigned and at that time Mr. Meyers indicated he would approach the Library Board about transferring the title of Sawyer Branch to the Hammond Historical Society for \$1 if the Society was interested in operating it as an Historical Museum. Board felt it could not be operated without the financial support of the city and then should be done in the name of the city.

Bill read a letter he had received as a result of his letter in the last FLASHBACK concerning the cost of publishing the FLASHBACK. The letter from John Wilhelm, Jr. was written after having read the FLASHBACK while visiting his mother, Ethel Wilhelm. John felt the FLASHBACK should be continued and suggested funding in a couple different ways: 1. Raising the dues or 2. Inviting members to underwrite an issue @ \$200/issue which was the approximate cost of printing and postage for each issue. The guest publisher could be acknowledged on Page One of the issue that they paid for. He enclosed a \$200 check from his mother to cover the cost of a future issue.

Another suggestion which Bill received in reply to his letter last month proposed changing the meetings and publication of the FLASHBACK to an alternating monthly schedule of January, March, May, July, September and November. We now meet and publish eight times a year, monthly except June, July, August and December.

Bill was reminded he needed to appoint a nominating committee which he agreed to do soon.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Harry Black
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
John Swanson
Lois Sherby
W. T. Tuley
Marjorie Sohl

12/31/96

Checking Balance

3808.19

Life Membership
Savings acct Balance

4922.93

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1997

The January meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:40 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 1997 by the president, Bill Tuley, in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. The minutes of the November and December meetings were accepted as printed in the January FLASHBACK. The treasurer reported the financial balances in the checking and savings accounts.

Gerry Peiffer introduced the speaker for today, Sister Madonna Rougeau of St. Margaret's Hospital. The hospital is in its 99th year this year. On February 2, 1998 it will celebrate its 100th birthday. St. Margaret's was the first of four hospitals to be established in this area. Before that the ill needing hospitalization had to be transported to Chicago.

Sister Madonna Rougeau, a current employee at the hospital, presented a colorful early history of the hospital much of which was told in a letter in 1948 that Sister M. Edwarda wrote to Sister Aelia in preparation for their 50th anniversary. The text of that letter and the text of Sister Rougeaus remarks is printed in its entirety elsewhere in this FLASHBACK.

The growth of the hospital was illustrated by a few figures. Only 18 patients were treated in the first year the hospital was open with only one nurse. Last year the north campus alone treated 16,386 patients in the hospital, had 1245 new born babies, and made 88000 home visits. The nursing staff grew from one nurse to 1600nurses last year and 3000 people on the payroll.

Sister Silveria Traffas, who came to work at the hospital in 1933 added a few stories of her early experiences of working in the kitchen and the laundry and doing anything that there was to be done was what you did and were happy doing it. She has seen the hospital grow from what was the original brick building North Wing to the multiple building complex it is today.

Dr. Gerry Peiffer recalled in 1929 a tonsilleectomy would present a \$12 bill and the birth of a baby would cost about \$3.50 a day and require about a 10 day stay where it is done with a 24 hour stay now for just under \$2000.

The audience enjoyed looking at a series of pictures of the growing hospital that were displayed on easels across the back of the room while they visited and enjoyed cookies and coffee.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1997

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Gen Klacik	3044 - 182nd Pl. Lansing	708-474-0008
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Ave. Hammond	844-6796
Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Drive, Munster	922-1215
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-1642
Maranne Rotstich	6916 Hohman Ave, Hammond	937-6449
Anne Beckman	30 Indi Illi Pkwy, Hammond	931-2981
Geralynn Tesch	3153 Crane Pl, Hammond	845-7586
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Ave, Hammond	932-1798
Rev. Joe Angoth	Highland, IN	
John Swanson	7 234 Alexander, Hammond	845-3498
William Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave. Hammond	932-7671
Gertrude Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave. Hammond	932-7671
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-7415
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
Jim Smenos	Chicago	
Donna Djenka	P.O. BOX 1336, Hammond 46325-1336	
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave. Hammond	
Sister M. Silveria Traffas	St. Margaret Mercy Hospital, Hammond	
William Tuley		
Marjorie Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1997

No Board meeting was held before the regular meeting today of the Hammond Historical Society. President Bill Tuley was ill so Vice President Dr. Gerry Peiffer presided at the meeting in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-one persons signed the attendance sheet.

Gerry Peiffer introduced the speaker for today, Mr. Ralph Krieger, a long time resident of the area who was born in Whiting. For over an hour he verbally wandered up and down the Hammond streets naming the houses and businesses that he remembered as one would have seen them if walking with him.

Mr. Krieger started out giving the three names by which Indianapolis Blvd. or parts of it were known: Roxanna, Indianapolis and Southeastern. Indianapolis finally stuck for the full length of it. He traced the routes of the three street car routes south in Hammond, east to East Chicago and one to Gary that connected to routes to Crown Point, Chesterton and Valpo. No such connections are available today.

Mr. Krieger named the banks and businesses along Hohman Avenue thru the main part of town and down State Street and Sibley Street from Hohman to Calumet and down Calumet to Hammond High School and the City Hall.

Mr. Krieger brought up the old question (but didn't answer it) of who owns the north half of the Calumet River? Hammond's boundry is set at the north river bank and Munster's boundry is the center of the river. Half of the river is inbetween.

Mr. Krieger set many in the audience to remembering places he had mentioned and their conversations continued over cookies and coffee.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1997
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Marion Wheeler	9 21 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
Thomas Rutkowski		
Penny Harris	1259 Memorial Drive, C.C. Ill.	708-862-2389
George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5457
Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5457
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-3208
John Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave. Hammond	845-3498
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave. Hammond	845-3498
Marcella Cuicki	8723 Palwppd Ave/ Munster	923-8375
Tom and Sue Talvin	8448 White Oak Ave. Munster	838-8790
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	
Edward Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Rd. Munster	
Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Drive, Munster	
Helen Blaisdell	910 Ridge Rd. Munster	836-2984
Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St. #253, Hammond	
Carter Martin	1512 - 169th St. #253, Hammond	
Lois Thirion	18239 School St. Lansing, IL	
John Holmes	727 N. Jay St. Griffith, IN	
Janice Holmes	727 N. Jay St. Griffith, IN	
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.	Hammond	
Jean Lindholm	8772 Monroe Ave. Munster	
Cindy Leighty	7419 Hohman Ave. Hammond	932-0720
Dan Krieger	14005 W. 81st St. Dyer	
Joseph Krieger	14005 W. 81st St. Dyer	
Becca Spivak	15601 Belshaw Rd. Lowell	696-7823
Diane Krieger Spivak	15601 Belshaw Rd. Lowell	696-7823
Michael Brock	7621 Walnut Ave. Hammond	845-0065
Marjorie Sohl	9519 Southmoor Ave. #7, Highland	924-9525
Ralph Krieger		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1997

A short Board meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order on Sunday, March 16, 1997 at 1:45 p.m. by Vice President Gerry Peiffer in the absence of President Bill Tuley in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Nine members were present.

The treasurer explained why her report makes it sound like we have a lot of money but the savings account which is from life memberships and special donations is building and is reserved for publications which we need to pay for each book which we publish. She was asked to explain this to the membership when she gives her report to explain why we are considering a dues increase to cover the cost of the monthly newsletter.

The primary business necessary to be discussed today was work on the slate of officers and directors to be presented at the annual meeting in May. Bill Tuley asked the Vice Presidents to serve as the nominating committee. Permission to submit their names was obtained from those present. Some had already been contacted and were reported, and replacements for vacancies were discussed and names of people were assigned for contact.

Helen McGrath had received approval to have the May Annual Dinner meeting at the First Christian Church of Hessville, 6805 Alabama Avenue @ \$10 per person. The date will be in the first or second week of May to be cleared on the church's calendar. Rev. John Snyder will present the history of the church.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Attendance

Toni Caldwell
Thomas Rutkowski
John Swanson
Ruth Swanson
Suzanne Long
Lois Sherby
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Louise Lukowski
Marjorie Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1997

The regular March meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by Vice President, Gerry Peiffer, at 2:35 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 1997 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty eight members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Gerry announced that plans are being made to hold the annual dinner meeting at the First Christian Church of Hessville, 6805 Alabama @ \$10 per person. The date in early May will soon be confirmed. In an effort to complete the slate for officers and directors, an appeal for volunteers was made and one response was received from a new resident of the Harrison Park Historic District, Andy Saladino.

The treasurer reported a February balance in the checking account of \$3949.63 and a savings balance of \$5122.93.

Gerry announced that Jim Quinn will be our speaker at the April meeting and Rev. John Snyder at the May meeting. She asked that any suggestions for speakers for next fall be given to her anytime.

The speaker for today was introduced. Dave Mueller is a 4th generation member of the founder family of P.H. Mueller Hardware. His contention was that the history of a business lies not in the founding family but in the customers who come into the business. The family history is the business history. Their business will be 110 years old next Thanksgiving.

Dave's great grandfather, P.H. Mueller, was born in Bavaria in 1842. He came to America as a young man in 1862 or 3 but no specific record is known. He lived first in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and came to Chicago after the Chicago Fire to work as a tinsmith. In 1887 he came to Hammond to work in partnership with Henry Lundt for a year. Dave read names from an 1890 journal from their safe and it read like a roll call of locally familiar names. The business did not become known as the current P.H. Mueller Sons until 1915.

The business was originally located where the Indiana Hotel was. Then it moved to Sibley and Hohman where the Penny Store was more recently located until the current store was built on the south side of Sibley in 1902. It was a well built building with double brick walls, 3 feet thick. The floors are well worn from the traffic of 95 years but they have not sunk and the drawers still work. At that time it was a tinshop and hardware, selling heavy hardware. As demands have changed, so has their emphasis. Now the emphasis is on supply of auto paints. They have been squeezed by the large chain stores but have built their trade on personalized service and survived. His ancestors liked and felt a part of Hammond. While working in their own business, they have not had to worry about the next layoff. Their policy is to see that each customer gets what he comes in for and that works for small business.

Dave passed out to several in the audience a piece of hardware which no one could identify. It was an old plow fastener, not in demand here anymore.

The meeting adjourned about 4:30 with coffee, cookies and conversation,

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1997
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Ida Poletto	17 Wildwood Rd, Hammond	931-9582
Gertie Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-7671
Wm Z. Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-7671
Michael Brock	7621 Walnut Ave, Munster	845-0065
George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
Margaret Evans	18104 Ridgewood, Lansing	708-474-2138
Shirley Kowalisyn	221 - 173rd Pl, Hammond	933-6317
Francis A. Saladino	39 Mason St, Hammond	853-8031
Jacob Q. Mueller	1 318 Park Dr, Munster	838-5757
Alice P. Mueller	1313 Park Dr, Munster	838-5176
Mr. & Mrs. Averill Colby	910 Ridge Road, Munster	
Nr, & Mrs. Edw. D. Lukowski		933-7665
David J. Milne		972-2980
Edith Phanes	823 - 176th St. Hammond	932-2942
Olive Martin	1512 - 169th, #253, Hammond	844-6355
R. Williams	1512 - 169th, #353, Hammond	844-4180
Carter Martin	1512 - 169th, #253, Hammond	844-6355
M. D. O'Hern	241 Beverly Pl. Munster	836-8392
Mr. & Mrs. John Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave, Hammond	845-3498
Sister M. Madonna Rougeau	5454 Hohman Ave, Hammond	932-2300
David Mueller	15504 W. 91st Ave, Dyer	365-3892
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Ave, Hammond	844-6796
Gerry Peiffer		
Marjorie Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1997
BOARD MEETING

Thirteen members of the Board of the Hammond Historical Society assembled at 1:30 p.m. before the regular meeting on Sunday, April 20, 1997, in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bill Tuley presided. He summarized the results of the member survey sent out with the recent FLASHBACK. Seventy questionnaires were returned. After discussing the expressions of the members two decisions were made: 1. Leave the meeting schedule the same, monthly except for June, July, August and December on the third Sunday of the month and 2. Increase the individual (or couple) annual dues to \$10 and institutional dues to \$25. Life memberships remain \$100. On a motion by Gerry Peiffer, second by Suzanne Long, both decisions were enacted, effective May 1, 1997.

Bill reported on having attended along with several other board members the farewell party which the staff and friends held for Mr. Art Meyers before he left the end of April to become director of the library in Middletown, Connecticut.

The nominating committee reported on their work so far and asked for and received a few suggestions to help complete the slate of directors to be presented at the annual meeting.

It was suggested but no action taken that the story of the Mueller Hardware, because of its long continuous business in Hammond, should be published in "The Bridge," the publication of the Indiana Historical Society.

An appeal for funds was requested by the Historic Landmark Foundation of Indiana which we have supported annually for some years. This appeal was to help the restoration of the West Baden Springs Hotel. On a motion by Toni Caldwell, second by Lois Sherby and carried, \$100 was to be sent to this cause.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

W. Tuley
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Zuzanne Long
Helen McGrath
Toni Caldwell
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Mabelle Durand
Harry Black
Louise Lukowski
Lois Sherby
Ruth Swanson
John Swanson
Marge Sohl

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community Room at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. James Quinn, a graduate of Catholic Central High School, will speak about the history of the school, now Bishop Noll Institute. The public is invited.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1997

The April meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by the president, Bill Tuley, in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-one members and friends signed the attendance sheet passed at the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the last FLASHBACK. The treasurer reported balances of \$4317.67 in the checking account and \$5162.13 in the savings. Bill reported the dues changes to \$10 and \$25 that had just been voted at the Board meeting to begin May 1, 1997. The annual dinner meeting next month was announced for Monday, May 19, 1997 at 6 p.m. at the First Christian Church of Hessville, 6733 Alabama Avenue.

Gerry Peiffer, who had recently been honored by the Bishop Noll Institute, introduced the speaker for the day, James Quinn, who by his long years of association with sports at Bishop Noll Institute, presented a living history of the school.

James Quinn was born in 1937. Coming from a large family, they had family there from 1938 to 1992. He is a three-time president of the Alumni Association and for twenty-five years was the public address announcer for the basketball and football games.

The school was started by a Catholic order from Donaldson, IN in 1921. St. Mary's was the first Catholic parish in East Chicago and the school started with forty students meeting in St. Mary's. In 1922 land was purchased and a barracks opened in 1923. Five nuns who started it lived in a house on Homerlee. Each day they walked six blocks to the church, three blocks to the barracks, taught all day, prepared lunch, cleaned the classroom and walked back home to prepare a meal, have prayers and prepare for the next day.

In 1923 the new school was dedicated with 5000 people at the dedication. Father Schmidt was the first principal. In 1924 the first class to graduate had eight members. By 1933 there were three hundred students and with the depression it became a diocesan school, the Sisters of Holy Cross took over, and Father Junk at age twenty-nine years came as a teacher on his first job. By 1939 he became its principal and the school took off into the golden years of growth and popularity in the athletic fields increased after 1943 when Catholic schools were allowed to enter state sports contests. In 1947 its name was changed from Catholic Central to Bishop Noll Institute in honor of the Bishop.

Athletics has been a big part of the history of Bishop Noll and especially Mr. Quinn's connection with the school. He was active in sports in St. Stanislaus and then played basketball and baseball at Noll in the '50's. In 1951 they won the state football championship and 1956 was their first undefeated basketball year with their star Mike Grainey named by THE TIMES as the Athlete of the Year. In 1957 Father Junk died after ruling with a strict hand for eighteen years. After the field house burned down in 1962, a new school was built with three million dollars from the diocese. It contained ninety classrooms, offices, a gym and swimming pool. Father Zimmerman ruled as principal and the Christian Brothers took over until 1969 when Father Bravely came. During this period the school reached its highest enrollment around 2000. It has stabilized around 1000 today. 1968 brought them the state baseball championship and 1975 the first undefeated football year.

In 1976 Father Patrick Connley came. By then the state was coming down hard on recruiting athletes and they had to work hard to keep their Catholic children from elementary school in the system and attending their high school. Father Connley also was able to get the high school children into uniforms to help to keep them from being distracted by clothes and hats and emblems.

In 1985 the Holy Cross sisters left and the number of priests were decreasing rapidly until today there is only one priest and no sisters. With the necessity of hiring civilian teachers, the cost has escalated but for the last two years the school has operated in the black with the contributions of the Foundation and the Ameritech donated program of \$47,000. Statistics from 1995 showed that for seven years, 100% of the seniors have graduated and 94% of the graduates go on to college. These high percentages are partly because of the selective student body and they (unlike the public schools) can still ask kids to leave that are not serious about school. Parents who are paying tuition for Catholic school students force more performance than public school parents do. They claim to have 70% caucasian, 6% African American and the rest Hispanic, mostly female. They claim to have no gang problem. They have the first high school JETS program, Junior Engineers Technical Society. In the '80's they had more students than any other high school at the University of Notre Dame and at the Chicago Art Institute.

Geographically, 30% of the students come out of Illinois, Calumet City and Lansing send many ethnic students to Bishop Noll. St. Frances in South Chicago is not near Bishop Noll academically so serious students chose to come to Noll. Students are bused in from St. John, Schererville and Merrillville and even some from Portage. Most come from within ten to twelve miles.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1997
ATTENDANCE

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Frank A. Saladino	39 Mason St, Hammond	853-8031
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman Ave, Hammond	932-2034
Helen & Bill Tuley	7201 Cleveland Circle, Merrillville	756-7201
Diamond Nickias	1542 Kenilworth Dr. Calumet City	708-862-3151
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-3208
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Margaret Evans	18104 Ridgewood Ave, Lansing	708-474-2138
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave, Hammond	845-3498
John Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave, Hammond	845-3498
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-7415
Louise Lukowski	Hammond	933-7665
Edw. A. Lukowski	Hammond	933-7665
Gene Anderson	829 State St. Hammond	933-7468
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-1042
Rosemary Colby	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-0778
Averill Colby	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-0778
Carter Martin	1512 - 169th St. Hammond	844-6355
Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St. Hammond	844-6355
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.		
Marge Sohl		

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**The
Hammond
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Society's 37th
Annual
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Meeting
May 19, 1997
6:00 p.m.**

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**HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
37TH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
MAY 19, 1997 6:00 P.M.**

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN HESSVILLE
6733 ALABAMA
HAMMOND, INDIANA**

WELCOME WILLIAM TULEY

INVOCATION

*** DINNER ***

**BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting -- Marjorie Sohl, Secretary
Annual Financial Report -- Lois Sherby, Treasurer
President's Report -- William Tuley, President
Nominating Committee Report -- Antoinette Caldwell**

MEMORIAL SERVICE Antoinette Caldwell

IN MEMORY OF:

Evelyn I. O'Hern	Warren E. Black	Eugene Jongsma
Alice Reed	Charles Hohman	Elsie K. Meyer
Mildred Wilder Pratt	Ferdinand Miller	Olive Grothe Clarence Meyer

HISTORY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Rev. John Snyder

OFFICERS 1996-1997

President	William T. Tuley
1st Vice President	Dr. Geraldine Peiffer
2nd Vice President	Lois Sherby
3rd Vice President	Suzanne Long
4th Vice President	Antoinette Caldwell
5th Vice President	Helen McGrath
Secretary	Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer	Lois Sherby

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MAY 1, 1996 - APRIL 30, 1997**

Balance on Hand, May 1, 1996		\$3,466.27	
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Interest	84.41	Service Charge	70.22
Dues	1,040.00	Postage	349.53
Books	212.50	Newsletter	572.00
Dr. Trusty/Centennial		Supplies	74.93
Portrait	75.00	Donation	274.40
Donations-Flashback	725.00	Annual Dinner	332.50
Annual Dinner	380.00	State Fee	10.00
Postage	3.25		
Total Receipts	<u>\$2,520.16</u>	Total Disbursements	<u>\$1,683.58</u>
			\$2,520.16
			\$1,683.58

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE
ON HAND - APRIL 30, 1997 \$4,302.85**

DIRECTORS

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Term thru May 1997

Fern Arnold
Méchele Burbank
Mabelle Durand
Olive Seidler
Virginia Morgan

Term thru May 1998

Harry Black
Carol Kutak
Suzanne Long
Dr. Geraldine Peiffer

Term thru May 1999

Calvin Bellamy
Averill Colby
Margery Hindmarch
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Harold Story

Term thru May 2000

Robert Kindle
Louise Lukowski
Tom Rutkowski
John Swanson
Ruth Swanson

PAST PRESIDENTS

1959-1997

1959-60 John Wilhelm*
1961-62 Edward B. Hayward*
1963-64 George Nelson
1965-66 Mrs. Mary Peters*
1967-68 Walter Bell*
1969-70 Marjorie Sohl
1971-72 Verlyn Mack*
1973-74 Mrs. Leona Schreiber
1975-76 Fern Arnold
1977-78 Verlyn Mack*
1979-80 Jules Ebert*
1982-83 Jerome Kutak*
1985-86 Theodore Shatkowski*
1987-89 Averill Colby
1991-93 Robert Kindle
1995-97 William Tuley

1960-61 Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*
1962-63 Mrs. Vincent Bower
1964-65 Anton Tapper*
1966-67 Mrs. Harry Wilson*
1968-69 Mrs. Henry Cleveland*
1970-71 Gordon Whitney
1972-73 Mrs. Nina Cravens*
1974-75 Kurt Marx*
1976-77 Mrs. Evainez Jonas*
1978-79 Charles McGregor*
1980-82 Bert Hindmarch*
1983-85 Roger Reeder
1986-87 Hazel Lindstrom*
1989-91 Mrs. Wanda Seevers
1993-95 Dr. Geraldine Peiffer

* Deceased

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MONDAY, MAY 19, 1997

The 37th annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, following a long established tradition of meeting in a different church facility each year, was held this year in the First Christian Church of Hessville at 6733 Alabama Ave. We met at 6 p.m. for a catered dinner planned by Helen McGrath.

The business meeting followed dinner at 7 p.m. Helen was thanked for the arrangements made. Mechele Burbank was thanked for her work as editor of our monthly FLASHBACK and presented a \$50 check.

President Bill Tuley, in summarizing the year's activities, reported on the results of the member survey taken recently after which the dues were increased to \$10 per year starting May 1, 1997. He outlined the difficulties we have had with finding an inexpensive way to get our FLASHBACK printed at the times we needed it done but indicated the possibility of developing an agreement with Guarantee Reserve Insurance Company to do it in their printship.

Minutes of last year's annual meeting were accepted as printed in the FLASHBACK. The financial report for the year was included in the printed program showed the year ending about \$900 increase over where we began the year. Arnold Rose has agreed to again audit the books.

Suzanne Long reported that six months of indexing of Beatrice Hansen's column in THE TIMES in 1907 called "Over the Teacups" has been completed to fill six notebooks. It may be used in the Calumet Room at any time. She also announced plans are being made to hold a tour of Oak Hill Cemetery on October 19 for which we will sell tickets for \$5. Five to ten sites will be visited with actors and scripts at each stop. More information will follow later.

Lois Sherby and Toni Caldwell presented the following slate of officers for 1997-1998:

President - William Tuley
1st V.P. - Dr. Geraldine Peiffer (Programs)
2nd V.P. - Ruth Swanson (Membership)
3rd V.P. - Suzanne Long (Publicity)
4th V.P. - Antoinette Caldwell (Publications)
5th V.P. - Lois Sherby (Annual Dinner)
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - John Swanson
Directors - Thru May, 1998 - Harry Black
Carol Kutak
Helen McGrath
Edith Phares
Helen Tuley
Directors - Thru May, 1999 - Calvin Bellamy
Averill Colby
Margery Hindmarch
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Harold Storey
Directors - Thru May, 2000 - Margaret Evans
Robert Kindle
Louise Lukowski
Tom Rutkowski
Frank Stodola

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Directors - Thru May, 2001 - Fern Arnold
Mechele Burbank
Mabelle Durand
Frank Salidino
Olive Seidler

There being no other nominations, a motion by Gerry Peiffer to elect the slate as presented was made, second by Frank Stodola, carried.

Toni Caldwell conducted a memorial service for the ten members who died during the past year. Their names were read as we thought on each one and an effective poem was read, "Letter from a deceased" asking us to "Keep the memory in your heart." Those honored were: Evelyn I. O'Hern, Warren E. Black, Eugene Jongsma, Alice Reed, Charles Hohman, Elsie K. Meyer, Mildred Wilder Pratt, Ferdinand Miller, Olive Grothe, and Clarence Meyer.

Rev. John Snyder was then called upon to share with us the history of the First Christian Church of Hessville. His message is attached to the minutes and is printed elsewhere in THE FLASHBACK.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

History of the First Christian Church of Hessville

(Message presented by John A. Snyder, minister, May 19, 1997, at a meeting of the Hammond Historical Society at the First Christian Church of Hessville)

The First Christian Church of Hessville is unique in many ways. During its 78 1/2 years of ministry in this community the church has had three senior ministers. J.K. Woerner ministered from 1920 to 1927; B.W. Carrier ministered from 1927 to 1958; and I have ministered here since 1958. Pictures of the three of us are in our church vestibule.

During the 1930's the church won numerous people to Christ and during one five year stretch not a Sunday went by which did not have additions to the church family either by baptism or transfer of membership.

The church has sent many of its young men and women into specialized Christian service. In 1932 the first young man to enter the ministry from the congregation, Robert Lillie, entered the Cincinnati Bible Seminary. Following his graduation Bob served in ministries at Calumet City and Cedar Lake. Moving to Colorado he founded Rocky Mountain Christian Mission and started a number of churches in the Colorado Springs area.

Olin Hay entered the Cincinnati Bible Seminary in 1933. Olin served as the president of the North American Christian Convention in 1959 and started what is the now the largest Christian Church in America, the Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Ky.

Paul Carrier, son of our second minister, served as president of Atlanta Christian College minister and presently ministers to a large congregation in Fayetteville, Georgia.

Dr. Ronald Rife, another Timothy of our congregation, presently serves with his wife,

Doris, on the staff of Ghana Christian College.

Our son, Randy Snyder, serves a large church with seven full time ministers in Dallas (Colleyville) Texas.

Many other men and women from our congregation are serving in churches and para-church organizations across our country. I am a product of the teaching and training of this congregation. In 1953 I left the business world and entered the Cincinnati Bible seminary. I graduated in 1958 and shortly thereafter moved back to Hammond to serve my home congregation.

The First Christian Church of Hessville was started in 1918. The articles of incorporation were filed on Oct. 16, 1918. Mrs. John L. Hess was one of the signers of the articles of incorporation. I wondered if she might have been related to the Hess from which Hessville got its name. Mary Lambert, whose name also appears on the articles of incorporation was an active member here when I began my ministry in June of 1958.

C.J. Sharp, who at that time was minister of the First Christian Church of Hammond was the motivating force in the birth of this new congregation. The mother church was located at the corner of Summer St. and Calumet Avenue. Four women who were determined not to let the First Christian Church of Hammond die, found C.J. on the campus of the University of Chicago and persuaded him to become their minister. During his 20 year ministry 20 new churches were started and thousands were added to the mother church. C.J. Sharp, a school teacher turned preacher, had a remarkable ministry in Hammond. His amazing story is chronicled in his book entitled, "The Church at Milltown."

In his book C.J. Sharp records that Hessville (called Borderville in the book) "was a little,

back-wash community of poor and largely ignorant people, where sin ruled supreme. There had never been a Bible school or a church or assembly-place other than a saloon dance-hall."

C. J. Sharp was involved in a state wide temperance battle and was due to take a train for Indianapolis. Shortly before his departure he called Bro. Alonzo Dickenson with the following instructions: "Bro. Dickenson, please listen and catch every word. I have but five minutes to train time and cannot repeat. Lay off from work at once and go to the corner drugstore. There you will find a little book left for you. It is entitled, 'How to Organize a New Testament Church.' On page 34 you will find what you need to do and how to do it. Familiarize yourself with it and follow instructions. Then, tonight be at Sister Brown's house in Hessville. You will find the folks assembled. Proceed to organize a church and Bible School. Then announce church services and Bible School for next Sunday, to be held in and old vacant store. Then, last of all, give the whole story with names of all officers and teachers and program of services to the Daily Gazette for tomorrow's issue. You're in charge until further orders. The train is here. Good-by."

Bro. Dickenson was in charge for the next ten months. He superintended the Bible school, taught a class, helped conduct communion, and preached the Word. In 1919 a tent meeting was held at the corner of Martha and Kennedy in which 86 people were added to the church, almost the entire adult population of the village at that time. A good frame building was erected in 1920 and the money raised locally to pay for it. That frame building stood behind the Hessville 5 & 10 cent store until it was razed early this year. Our present building was dedicated in 1951.

Soon the church was running 400 in Sunday School.

During the 1930's B. W. Carrier, who was talented in both music and the theater, put on a number of plays at the Kennedy theater to raise money for those in need. His remarkable teaching ministry encouraged many young people (myself included) to enter Bible college and train for Christian service. He was self-taught in both Greek and Hebrew. He was a powerful expounder of the Word. He made one feel that he was preaching directly to an individual. Many whom he sent into the ministry are still actively serving Christ.

Since I became senior minister in June of 1958 we have published a bi-weekly church paper called "The Light." Each year we have the issues bound in a hardback cover so that we will have a history of our congregation: the people and events involved in our ministry.

In 1959 we purchased a Lutheran Church Building in Lansing and in 1960 we established the First Christian Church of Lansing at the corner of Ridge and Ridgeland. Paul Carrier, son of B.W. Carrier, became the first minister. About 50 members from Hessville plus several families from Lansing became the nucleus for this congregation. Two of our elders, Leroy Smith and Alva Walters, gave oversight to the congregation as they attended and taught there for a year. In 1965 we established the Cline Gardens Church. Our men, under the watchful eye of contractor and now elder, Gerald Neyhart, built the building. Tom Brumfield, who was serving as our youth minister, became the first full time minister. About 100 members of our congregation became the nucleus of the church which soon more than doubled in size.

In 1967 we sent Dr. Ronald Rife to Accra, Ghana, West Africa, to become the principle of Ghana Christian College, an institution that has more than 100 students today.

In 1972 we built a three story addition to our present facility with a new nursery and 11

other classrooms. We also annexed what was our former parsonage which stood next to our building and made it a part of the entire church facility. This building houses our Jr. Church services.

In 1978 we bought more than five acres of land on Orchard Drive where one day we plan to build a new facility on one level with parking for 240 cars.

In 1993 my wife, Connie, and I prepared a 24 page booklet telling about the history of our congregation. In it are pictures of our two buildings and pictures of many of the people who through the years have worked and prayed for the cause of Christ. I am presenting the Historical Society with a copy of this booklet.

We are determined to keep on preaching and teaching the gospel of Christ to this community so that we might win the lost and enlist the saved to serve the Master.

I want to thank you personally for allowing me to tell you a little about a church that started with a phone call and which through its ministry and converts has reached and touched people around the world.

Hammond Historical Society
Monday, May 19, 1997
Attendance

Mary Anne Ahlborn
Nolan Ahlborn
Mechele Burbank
David Burbank
Helen Byrd
Toni Caldwell
George Elkins
Marguerite Elkins
Genevieve Klacik
Suzanne Long
Edw. Lukowski
Louise Lukowski
Helen McGrath
Carter Martin
Olive Martin
Gerry Peiffer
Edith Phares
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Lois Sherby
Rev. John Snyder
Marjorie Sohl
Martha Steele
Marilyn Steinmetz
Frank Stodola
John Swanson
Ruth Swanson
Bill Tuley
Helen Tuley
William Volkmann
Mrs. Volkmann
Marion Wheeler
Cora Lee Woodward

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 28, 1997

A summer Board meeting was called by the president, Bill Tuley, on Monday, July 28, 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Eleven members attended.

The good news which Bill had to deliver was that arrangements had been made with an anonymous donor to print our monthly newsletter, the FLASHBACK, at the Guarantee Reserve print shop. The months that we publish they will print, address, prepare for mailing and deliver to the post office an 8 page publication on four sheets of 8 1/2 x 11 paper before our meeting the third Sunday of the month if the copy is delivered to them by the first of the month. It was an offer of more than we could have hoped for which we gratefully accepted.

Bill requested help in completing a survey from the Indiana Historical Society from which they are compiling a publication of the historical facilities throughout the state. Peggy Evans and Marge Sohl each agreed to supply information they could so he could complete the survey. From this followed a discussion of what we own separately and jointly with the library. The possibility of a display on the balcony was suggested as a way to let more people know about some of the historic pieces we have and also to create an interest in the society. This will be pursued in the future as the display space can be scheduled. Suzanne Long showed the Board an encapsulated copy of a Kaufmann and Wolf anniversary advertisement from the newspaper.

Board members gave Gerry Peiffer some suggestions of possible speakers for future meetings.

Suzanne Long outlined plans for the October 19th meeting as a fund raiser. She is working on text and plans for a tour of Oak Hill Cemetery. Grave sites of four famous personalities will be visited on a short walking tour with a look into their life and personality.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Louise Lukowski
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Toni Caldwell
Peg Evans
Suzanne Long
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Wm. Tuley
Olive Seidler
John Swanson
Ruth Swanson
Marge Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1997

Ten Board members gathered at 1:30 p.m. before the opening meeting this year of the Hammond Historical Society. We met in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library.

Two corrections concerning dues were made. Checks should be made out to the Hammond Historical Society and not any individual's name and should be sent to the Treasurer whose address appears in the FLASHBACK. If the date following your name on the FLASHBACK address label is wrong (indicating the year your dues expire), it will be corrected on the next FLASHBACK. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on September 15 of \$4890.64.

A thank you was received from the Indiana Historic Landmark Association for our \$100 donation to the West Baden Springs Project. Also an anonymous donation from a member was gratefully received and acknowledged.

Dr. Gerry Peiffer reviewed the speakers she has engaged which predicts an interesting coming year:

Today - Calvin Bellamy
October 19, 1997 - Oak Hill Cemetery Tour
November 16, 1997 - Dr. A. R. Burns
December - No meeting
January 18, 1998 - Mayor Dwaine Dedelow
February 15, 1998 - Frank Stodola
March 15, 1998 - Archibald McKinlay
April 19, 1998 - Larry Knoerzer
May, 1998 - Annual Dinner.

Suzanne Long distributed brochures and tickets for the Walk Through Oak Hill Cemetery which she had prepared for the next meeting. She has arranged with four people to act the parts of the persons buried at the four grave locations that will be visited:

Peg Evans as Mrs Fred Nason
Jan Helge as Sadie Leopold Wolf
John Swanson as Herbert Ingraham
Bill Miller as Frank S. Betz.

Several Historical Society members will guide the tourists in small groups over the path to these grave sites. Visitors will be asked to park out on Kenwood St.

It was announced that John Muri will be visiting the area and presenting an organ concert on October 3 and 4 for the opening of the remodeled Hoosier Theatre on 119th Street in Whiting.

A special display of material from the Calumet Room will be set up in the library gallery during the month of November.

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

A Walk Through
Oak Hill Cemetery



Sunday, October 19, 1997

Presented by
Hammond Historical Society
&
Oak Hill Cemetery

A Walk through Oak Hill Cemetery

Sunday, October 19, 1997

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Join the Hammond Historical Society and Oak Hill Cemetery for an autumn afternoon walk on the pathways in Hammond history. Several area personalities will be profiled by interpreters. Learn about these people and others who have contributed to the diverse and rich history of Hammond.

The persons portrayed are:

Mrs. Fred Nason - wife and mother

Sadie Leopold Wolf - wife of successful Hammond merchant

Herbert Ingraham - Whiting musician and composer

Frank S. Betz - Hammond manufacturer and philanthropist

As guests stroll through Oak Hill Cemetery they will learn more about..

W.C. Belman, Paul Parduhn, A. Murray Turner, Dr. W.F. Howat, Oscar A. Krinbill,

J.T. Hutton, C.B. Tinkham, George & Harley Locklin, and others.

Guests will walk through Oak Hill Cemetery led by Hammond Historical Society Guides.

Please park on Kenwood street outside the cemetery.

Advance Tickets, available from society members, are \$3. Tickets at the cemetery gate are \$5.

For further information, telephone 219-931-1013. Raindate will be Sunday, October 26.

Hammond Historical Society

Since its founding in 1960, the Society is dedicated to preserving Hammond History. Hammond Historical Society has monthly meeting featuring a speaker on various historical topics. The FLASHBACK is published eight times annually.

For membership information contact:

Hammond Historical Society

546 State Street

Hammond, IN, 46320

Oak Hill Cemetery

Oak Hill Cemetery is a 21-acre cemetery located in the center of Hammond. It is the oldest cemetery in Hammond, established in 1885. Many of Hammond's founding families are buried in Oak Hill. The monuments in the cemetery are works of art in themselves, many carved in granite, irreplaceable today because of cost and the superb craftsmanship.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1997

Edith Phares
Ruth Swanson
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Toni Caldwell
John Swanson
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Suzanne Long
William Tuley
Helen McGrath
Marjorie Sohl

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the community room at Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. Bank Calumet CEO Calvin Bellamy will present a program entitled The City of Hammond and Bank Calumet: Rich Past, Bright Future. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to the meeting.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1997

The first regular meeting for the new year of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, September 21, 1997 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-four members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

The president summarized the just completed Board meeting reported on elsewhere in the FLASHBACK. Suzanne Long explained the Tour Through Oak Hill Cemetery which will replace our October monthly meeting here. She distributed flyers describing it and sold tickets to those attending who wanted them now. Price is \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the gate.

Program chairman Gerry Peiffer introduced today's speaker, Calvin Bellamy, President of the Bank Calumet, to present the story of "The City of Hammond and Bank Calumet: Rich Past and Bright Future." The text of his remarks is printed elsewhere in the FLASHBACK. Following his presentation he answered several questions from the audience.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. for conversation with the speaker and each other and for coffee, tea and cookies.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1997
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-3208
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Dan Yovich	6736 Waveland Ave. Hammond	844-8444
Anita Yovich	6736 Waveland Ave. Hammond	844-8444
Mabelle Durand	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-1042
Helen Blaisdel	910 Ridge Road, Munster	836-2984
Olive Seidler	1610 Camellia Drive, Munster	922-1215
John Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave. Hammond	845-3498
Calvin Bellamy	5231 Hohman Ave. Hammond	853-2130
Sr. M. Madonna Rougeau	5454 Hohman Ave. Hammond	933-2059
Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5457
George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5757
A.R. Burns	1104 Highland St. Hammond	932-8179
Sr. Martha Ann	5454 Hohman Ave. Hammond	933-2059
William C. Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave. Hammond	932-7671
Gertrude Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave. Hammond	932-7671
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave. Hammond	
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	
Edw. A. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd. Hammond	
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave. Hammond	
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St. Hammond	844-635
Bill & Rose McNabney	12466 W. 107th Ave. St. John	365-3356
Frank Stodola	7832 Monroe Ave. Munster	
Bob Buris	Post Tribune	
Anne Beckman	30 Indi Illi Pkwy, Hammond	
Marianne Rafalski	6916 Hohman Ave. Hammond	931-8691
Donna Djenka		
Jim Smenos		
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave. Hammond	845-3498
Suzanne Long	6621 Monroe Ave. Hammond	931-1013
William Tuley		
Marjorie Sohl	9519 Southmoor Ave. Highland	924-7525

October Cemetery Tour -- Huge Success

Sunday, October 19, 1997, under a sunny sky, the Hammond Historical Society held their first Cemetery Tour through Oak Hill Cemetery in Hammond. Twelve tour guides led groups through the cemetery stopping at four graves and passing by numerous others. Nearly one hundred people attended this event; for many it was an introduction to the Society. Actors portrayed the following personalities: Margaret Evans told the story of Mrs. Fred Nason, Janice Helge intrepredted Sadie Leopold Wolf's story, John Swanson took on the personality of Herbert Ingraham and William Miller told of the life of Frank S. Betz.

The Hammond Historical Society extends a sincere thanks to Oak Hill Cemetery for their cooperation in the event as well as to the tour guides -- Gail Blackmun, Nancy Davis, Curt Freeman, JoEllen Johnson, Elaine Long, Tom Long, Paula Malak, Debbie McGough, Dorothy Michalak, Brian Poland, Katie Strains, and Sharon Wess.

The first Cemetery Tour was such a success that it will probably become an annual event for the Historical Society.

Tour recaptures Hammond's history

■ More than 100 people took Oak Hill Cemetery tour.

BY KURT WEISS
Times Correspondent

HAMMOND — A fiery glow in her eyes belied the terror in Sadie Leopold Wolf's heart as she described the 1903 blaze that killed her and her baby daughter.

"We took the train to the brand new, fireproof Iroquois

Theater in Chicago," Mrs. Wolf told a small gathering at Oak Hill Cemetery on Sunday. "During the second act we could see wisps of smoke at the back of the stage. People began leaving the theater, but in a moment it was over. They found me near the exit holding Alice in my arms."

Wolf, as portrayed by Janice Helge, was one of four local historical figures who helped bring history to life for

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WILL POWERS / THE TIMES

Janice Helge portrays Sadie Leopold Wolf, the wife of a Hammond merchant, Sunday during the Hammond Historical Society's Walk through Oak Hill Cemetery. Actors portrayed famous people from Hammond's past.

Tour

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participants in the Hammond Historical Society's "Walk Through Oak Hill Cemetery." More than 100 people took the guided tours which, in addition to live actors, featured discussions of 28 other significant grave sites.

Crunching through fallen oak leaves on a warm autumn afternoon, participants stopped first in an area known as Founders Row, where notable families including the Hohmans, Sohls, Tappers and Belmans are buried beneath huge stone monuments.

"Some of these stones appear to be roughly hewn and unfinished, like the lives of those buried here," tour guide Debbie McGough said. "Many of these

families you will recognize from the streets named after them."

Moving on along the paths of history, participants stopped near the grave of Mrs. Fred Nason, who came from a large Hammond family but moved to Colorado in 1906 with her husband and children to open a boarding house. A year later they were all killed by an avalanche.

Actress Peg Evans said she studied for her part at the Calumet Room of the Hammond Library.

"I think (Mrs. Nason) was a very strong person," Evans said. "It always amazes me how our pioneers did without modern conveniences. She had eight children and a boarding house, and there was no McDonald's nearby

to fix the supper."

Other prominent figures along the tour included Paul Parduhn, 1892-1946, who was instrumental in the early days of professional football; Oscar A. Krinbill, 1863-1927, the city's first pharmacist and the first local businessman to use a telephone; and A. Murray Turner, who is called the father of Hammond's parks.

Historical Society member John Swanson portrayed Herbert Ingraham, 1882-1910, a local music teacher who made it big at the turn of the century as a Broadway composer.

"I was a young man when I died," Ingraham (Swanson) said. "My message to you is: Keep a song in your heart and don't forget to stop and smell the roses."

The final site on the tour was the grave of Frank Betz, 1891-1953, an inventor, manufacturer, philanthropist and conservationist.

Portrayed by Hammond resident William Miller, Betz told how he came to the city to make and sell medical equipment, and eventually lead a number of local conservation efforts.

Following the tour, participants said they were impressed and enlightened by the magnitude of history resting peacefully at the cemetery.

"I loved it," said Julie Bless, who was born and raised in Hammond. "This is something I'd like to see become even bigger. It's presented so well and with the actors there you really feel like a part of history."

Lake County

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HAMMOND

History still lives among city's dead

BY LAURA PAUL
Correspondent

HAMMOND — Sandra Kizman of Hammond walked Sunday through the Oak Hill Cemetery, learning about some of the first permanent settlers in Hammond — prominent doctors, Civil War veterans and merchants buried there.

Kizman and more than 100 people observed the monuments of granite and heard about Hammond's founders during a tour sponsored by the Hammond Historical Society.

"This intrigues me," Kizman said. "It gives you an idea of what the people were all about. It tells you something about the people and brings them alive."

She pointed to a stone engraved with the words:

"Only thru death did we part sweetheart."

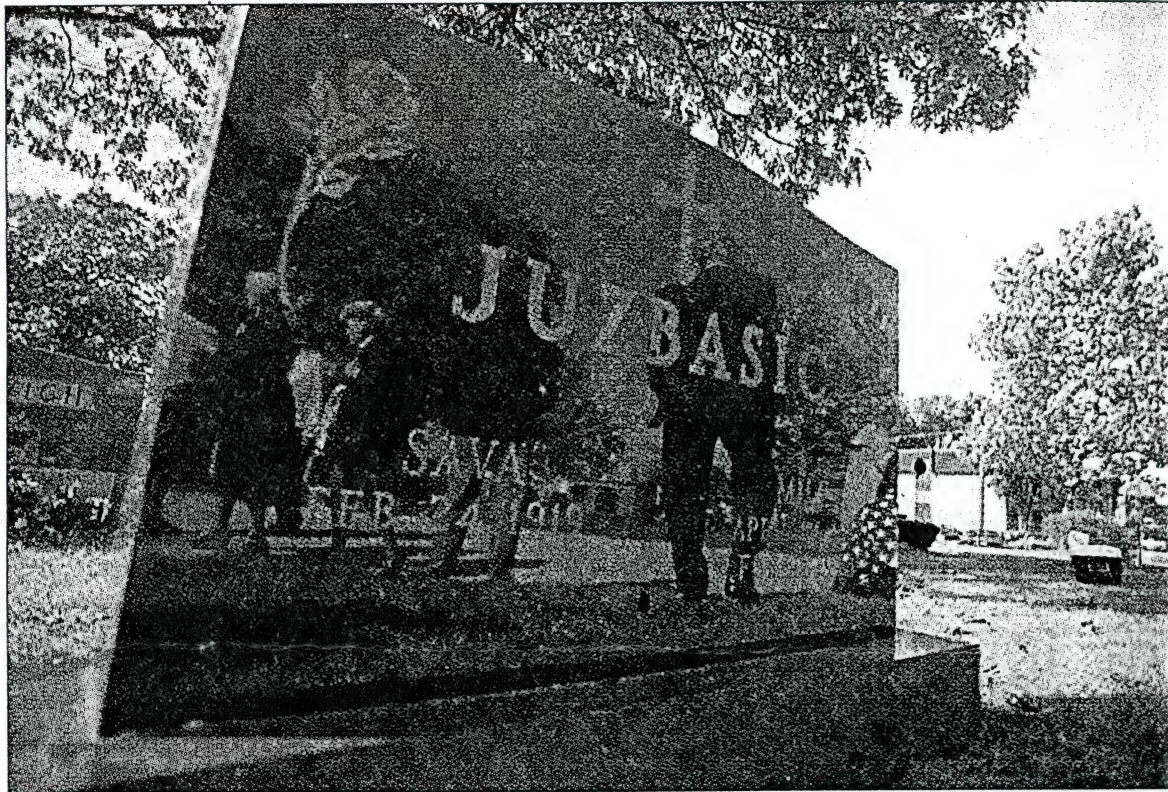
"This one tells about a wedding and how they loved each other," she said.

Bobbie McGough of Hammond, one of the tour guides, said she noticed the head stone for "Little Miss Daisy," a 10-year-old girl who died on Christmas in 1895.

"Next to her monument is her aunt and uncle and I wonder where her parents are — your imagination runs with you," she said.

Dressed in a blue dress, Peg Evans of Lansing, Ill., wrapped a white sweater around her shoulders as she played the part of Wilma Nason, a Hammond native who died in Colorado during a blizzard.

"We were in the parlor when we heard a disturbing rumbling which quickly became a deafening roar," Evans told the group, adding the home was buried under a mountain



JOHN LUKE/POST-TRIBUNE

Oak Hill Cemetery reflects Hammond's history and growth. On Sunday, the Hammond Historical Society used the graveyard as the setting for actors to explain the lives of the city residents buried there.

“I think it’s the time of year – people think about cemeteries with Halloween approaching.”

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Peg Evans, Hammond visitor

ing people as they walked through the cemetery on the chilly autumn afternoon.

"I think it's the time of year — people think about cemeteries with Halloween approaching," she said.

"It's a good introduction to the history of Hammond."

Suzanne Long, vice president of the Hammond Historical Society, said this was the first time the group organized a tour of this kind.

"This cemetery has some very nice stones in it; very artistic monuments such as a limestone tree

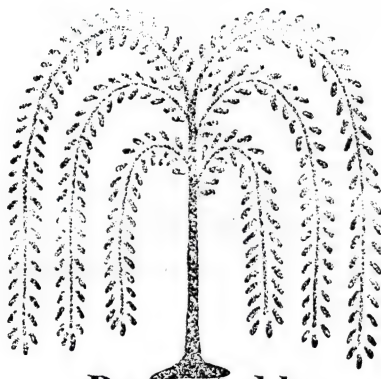


JOHN LUKE/POST-TRIBUNE

*A Walk Through
Oak Hill Cemetery*

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Sunday, October 19, 1997



Presented by

**Hammond Historical Society
&
Oak Hill Cemetery**



**6445 Hohman Ave.
Hammond, In. 46324
(219) 932-0206**

Oak Hill Cemetery

Dear Visitors:

Thank you for taking the time to visit our historical cemetery. We are proud of the strong local heritage this cemetery represents to the city of Hammond and other surrounding communities. Many individuals interred on these grounds were founding fathers of this region and contributed significantly to the development.

At the present time, Oak Hill continues to be a fully functional cemetery. After 112 years of service to the community, we continue to offer numerous choice burial sites, monuments and special cemetery services. If you would like information on selecting Oak Hill as your final resting place, please stop in our office or give us a call.

We hope you enjoyed your afternoon here at Oak Hill Cemetery. If we can be of assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Oak Hill Cemetery Management

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**The 1997 Walk through Oak Hill Cemetery
sponsored by
Hammond Historical Society &
Oak Hill Cemetery**

**Mrs Fred Nason, portrayed by Margaret Evans,
Hammond native who died in Colorado.**

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**Ernest & Caroline Hohman - First Permanent Settlers
in Hammond**

Sohl family - Gave their names to several streets

Tapper family - Hammond Bankers

W.C. Belman - First Resident of Glendale Park

Rimbach family - Land Speculators

Zachau family - Hammond Farmers

Paul Parduhn - Father of Professional Football

Muenich family - Early Settlers

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**Sadie Leopold Wolf, portrayed by Janice Helge,
wife of Hammond merchant**

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A. Murray Turner - Father of Hammond Parks

William F. Howat, M.D. - Historian

Oscar A. Krinbill - Hammond Pharmacist

Dr. Lena B. Jackson - First Female Dentist

Joseph Drackert - Civil War Veteran

Dr. Pannenberg - Prominent Doctor

Schrum family - Calumet City Pickling Works

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**Herbert Ingraham, portrayed by John Swanson,
Song Writer and Musician**

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Thomas Hammond - Second Mayor of Hammond

J.T. Hutton - Hammond Architect

Tinkham family - Minister and Hammond Attorney

**George & Harley Locklin - Owners of the Enterprise
Bed Company**

**Warren Reeder, Jr. - Founder of Hammond Historical
Society**

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**Frank S. Betz, portrayed by William Miller,
Hammond industrialist & philanthropist**

**The Hammond Historical Society was founded in 1960
and is committed to the preservation of Hammond
history. Memberships are \$10 annually. The Society
meets on the third Sunday of the month at 2:30 pm in
the Community Room of the Hammond Public
Library.**

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1997

Eleven Board members of the Hammond Historical Society gathered in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library at 1:30 p.m. for a business meeting before the monthly meeting of the Society.

John Swanson reported a balance of \$5573.10 in the treasury.

Suzanne Long reported on the Oak Hill Cemetary walk held in place of the October meeting. No exact count of attendance was available but was estimated at near 100. This first effort was successful enough that a second should be tried next year visiting other grave sites and possibly video taping it. Suzanne moved that \$50 be donated to Oak Hill Cemetary for their efforts and support of the walk. It was seconded by Lois, carried.

Suzanne also moved that \$100 be donated to the Kathryn Thegze Memorial Fund which is used for preservation activities in the Calumet Room. It was seconded by Ruth Swanson and carried.

Because inquiries continue to be received for the publication NO PERFORMANCES TODAY, the book on the circus wreck which is out of print, it was suggested we consider republication of it. Marge reported this has been considered before. The copyright is held by the Reeder family and when discussed before we were told the pictures and print are too poor to copy directly unless newer print enhancement processes would improve it and permission needs to be persued with the Reeder family.

Board members had received an invitation from NIPSCO to attend an informational presentation on behalf of the Indiana Historical Society on Friday, November 21, 1997 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the NIPSCO Southlake Complex in Merrillville. Several members planned to attend.

Lois pointed out we do not meet in December and the last Flashback still listed a December meeting. The next meeting is January 18, 1998.

Bill explained that the Flashback was late in getting out this month because the computer that the editor uses to compile it crashed and she had to wait for a new one to be installed. The delay was unavoidable.

Lois reported that she and the Swansons had been responsible for the article in today's paper on the death of Isabel Webb in Canada. Her death had not been reported here and she had been active in many organizations for many years here. Their article was going to be sent to Mechele for the Flashback and to the Retired Teachers Association for their newsletter.

Peggy Evans reported that she had attended the recent meeting of the Bicentennial Committee that has a fund of about \$6000. The committee wants to dissolve and put the funds in the Legacy Foundation for scholarships to be distributed by the Hammond Educational Foundation. The stock of about 2500 copies of the Bicentennial Yearbook is being held at the library by the Historical Society and are being sold @ \$3.00 each and being given free to each new Historical Society member.

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The library is featuring a display on the balcony Gallery this month of materials on Hammond history from the Calumet Room.

Lois asked for suggestions for a church we have not yet visited for our annual meeting in May. The old Lutheran church on Towle Avenue was suggested for her to persue.

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Lois Sherby
Harry Black
John Swanson
Ruth Swanson
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Peg Evans
Suzanne Long
William Tuley
Marge Sohl
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Louise Lukowski

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1997

The November meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president at 2:40 p.m. on Sunday, November 16, 1997 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Eighteen members signed the attendance sheet.

Bill Tuley apologized for the lateness of this months Flashback because of a computer crash. The delay was unavoidable.

The treasurer reported on the \$5573.10 balance in the treasury.

Bill reported on the success of the Oak Hill Cemetary walk held in place of the Ocober meeting.

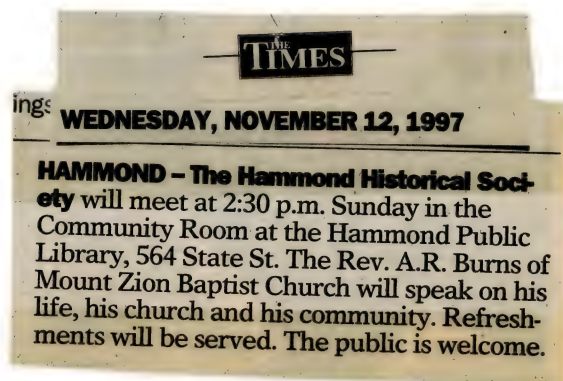
Bill announced the invitation to Historical Society members to attend the Friday, November 21st from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. information presentation at the NIPSCO Complex in Merrillville. He expected it was soliciting support for the new building in Indianapolis for the Indiana Historical Society.

The display on the balcony Gallery of Hammond Historical Society material from the Calumet Room was pointed out to members and invited to view it.

The Rev. A. R. Burns was scheduled to be the speaker for today's program on his life, his church and his community. An emergency arose at the church and he was unable to appear today but offered to speak at a later date. Peggy Evans and Suzanne Long set up the equipment and showed the video on Hammond history that the Planning Department made a few years ago. It was a good review of Hammond history as it is presented to Hammond school children each year.

The meeting adjourned with coffee and cookies served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1997
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Ave, Hammond	844-6796
Edith Phares	823 - 176th St. Hammond	932-2942
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
Peg Evans	18104 Ridgewood Ave, Lansing	708- 474-2138
Suzanne Long	6621 Monroe Ave, Hammond	931-1013
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave, Hammond	845-3498
John Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave, Hammond	845-3498
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd Str, Hammond	932-3208
W. C. Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-7671
Gertrude Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-7671
Louise Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd, Hammond	933-7665
Edw. A. Lukowski	252 Southmoor Rd, Hammond	933-7665
Noreen Komaswski	42 Highland St. Hammond	931-4223
Caryl Juergens	1829 - 169th St. Hammond	845-9490
Frank Stodola	7832 Monroe Ave. Munster	
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.		
Marge Sohl		
Frederick Juergens	1829 - 169th St. Hammond	845-9490

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1998

Eleven members of the Board gathered for a meeting at 1:30 p.m. before the regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society. President Bill Tuley presided.

Lois Sherby inquired about possible places to hold the annual meeting in May. St. John's Lutheran Church and Pine Street Presbyterian Church both on the north side of town, were suggested for her to inquire about their availability.

Bill Tuley read a letter he had received from David Dittner offering the Society an unspecified amount of money as a memorial for his grandmother, aunt and mother, members of the Milne family. If there were a specific project or amount we needed, he would be happy to consider it. Suzanne Long and Peggy Evans suggested that one thing that would be useful to have in the Calumet Room would be the early editions of the Sandborn maps on microfilm. The library now has the 1930 updated to 1950. The 1897 originals and 1916 editions are available on microfilm. Suzanne offered to get a price on them and let Bill know.

Bill asked to set a date for a special Board meeting to discuss our interest in having a museum and if so, how it would be operated. If the Sawyer Branch Library should become available, it might have to be acted upon quickly. The meeting was set for Thursday, February 12 at 2 p.m. in the Calumet Room.

John Swanson presented a financial report showing a balance of \$5719.02. He also had received another bank statement for the Clipper Fund of \$3900.00+ and since we no longer have a Clipper Ship here, we felt something needed to be done to dispose of that fund. Suzanne offered to inquire of Brian Poland about the fund.

In order to start planning for a Cemetery Tour for this year, Suzanne suggested we hold it earlier in October than last year. The new date was set for Sunday, October 4, 1998.

A request was received for an annual donation to the Historic Landmark Foundation. It was decided to table that request until after we had made a decision on a museum.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Lois Sherby
Louise Lukowski
Ruth Swanson
Johnson Swanson
Harry Black
Edith Phares
Suzanne Long
Peggy Evans
G.N. Peiffer, M.D.
Bill Tuley
Marge Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1998

The January meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, January 18, 1998 at 2:35 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Bill Tuley presided. Twenty five signed the roster.

The speaker for the day was Mayor Dwaine Dedelow speaking on "A New Beginning." His interest in Hammond history, on the past, present or future, he explained, is that he came from an old Hessville family and he had a great, great Uncle Fred who served on an early city council.

Mayor Dedelow spoke of the Strategy for Economic Development Plan started in 1995 and expanded into neighborhood development in 1996. Hammond is blessed with many natural resources so has been able to develop a balanced economy. It goes from its many industries to now a developing interest in tourism. With the coming of the marina and the casino, that is now a greater source of dollars that need to be spent wisely for long term growth in capital projects only like streets and parks.

Mayor Dedelow called attention to the changes in the developing downtown with the expanding St. Margaret facilities and the new Federal Building. The goal is to develop the concept of Hammond as a cultural and art center for Northwest Indiana. Efforts are being made to help the business communities with the expansion of Woodmar to the west with Dominicks and T.J. Macks. Because \$2 out of \$3 is going out of Hammond now, an effort is being made to bring good shopping back to Hammond. The White Co. Development off of Kennedy Avenue at the Expressway is a part of this effort where Wendy's and Cracker Barrel and the three hotels have gone up and where a convention center will be added yet. Hopefully it will bring thousands of people to the area.

Neighborhood redevelopment is in the plans for three major areas: 1. South side of Calumet Avenue, 2. Old Maywood School site, 3. Higgins Park, near Scott School. Efforts are being made to break the way station mentality where people live here a few years and as they improve in their jobs, they move on to more up-scale neighborhoods. To meet this need for better homes, more homes for the step-up buyers are being built. Home upkeep is being encouraged with the broken-window theory where fixing up right away discourages further run down. Ordinances are being enforced aggressively.

More police are being put on the streets to try to reduce crime and people are being encouraged to get off of welfare and go back to work by educating the work force so they can compete in the future.

Mayor Dedelow answered several questions from the audience before the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1998
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Suzanne Long		931-1013
Peg Evans	HPL	931-5100
Betty Gehrke		
Clare Gehrke		
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland, Hammond	844-6796
Edith Phares	823-176th Street, Hammond	932-2942
Marguerite & George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
John Swanson	7234 Alexander, Hammond	845-3498
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander, Hammond	845-3498
Harry Black	7406 Monroe, Hammond	932-1798
Emma Kostatul	2229 Davis Ave. Whiting	931-7304
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th, Hammond	
Edw. & Louise Lukowski		933-7665
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson, Hammond	932-7415
Cy & Gertie Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave. Hammond	932-7671
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave. Hammond	
Bob Kindle		
Bill Tuley		
Gene Anderson		
Marge Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1998

The president, Bill Tuley, called a special meeting of the Board of Directors for 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 1998 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Nine members attended. The meeting was called to discuss if there is any interest by the Hammond Historical Society in obtaining the Sawyer Branch Library Building as the new home of the Hammond Historical Society and a possible museum. A decision by the library board on the future of the Sawyer Branch Library is pending. We need to be prepared to act if we are interested.

Bill Tuley explained that he had had some conversation with Mayor Dedelow about a Hammond Museum but had assured him there was no way financially for us to do it alone. It would have to be a joint activity with the city as are most known small city museums.

Members suggested we are not a strong enough organization. We would need to get other service organizations involved in the operating of it and even the possible use of it. It could be developed as a meeting center for groups with the walls used for display of artifacts. A museum would require a knowledgeable paid employee. The project that Janet Moran is working on was pointed out to be a huge project of cultural and ethnic emphasis.

Since we needed the input of all board members, it was suggested the whole board be polled to determine if the Sawyer Branch became available to us as a museum, would they support proceeding with trying to acquire and operate it. Bill Tuley agreed to conduct such an inquiry. The meeting adjourned at 2:40p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Bill Tuley
Suzanne Long
Peg Evans
Edith Phares
Toni Caldwell
John Swanson
Ruth Swanson
Lois Sherby
Marge Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1998

A brief board meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, February 15, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library.

Details were cleared that the annual dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. for \$10.00. This year it will be held at the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 849 Chicago Avenue, Hammond, IN. Reservations should be made with Marjorie Sohl.

Dr. Gerry Peiffer announced that the speaker at the March 15th meeting will be Archibald McKinlay speaking on Hammond Characters I Wish I'd Known. On April 19th we will hear from Larry Knoerzer on Harrison Park And Its Overview.

Bill asked Toni Caldwell and Elverta Seddelmeyer to serve on the nominating committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m..

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Ruth Swanson
John Swanson
Thomas Rutkowski
Harry Black
Toni Caldwell
Edith Phares
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
William Tuley
Marge Sohl
Helen McGrath

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1998

The February meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 1998 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Bill Tuley presided. Twenty seven attended.

Bill announced a few events in the future. Maryann Ahlborn of the Munster Historical Society is planning a tour of Spring Mill Park as described on the flyer available on the table at the entrance. Our annual dinner has been set for Tuesday, May 19, 1998 and our second annual cemetery walk has been scheduled for Sunday, October 4. A selection of Hammond Historical Society pictures from the Calumet Room are displayed in the Gallery of the library now.

Dr. Gerry Peiffer introduced Frank Stodola, the speaker for the day on "Fond Memories of Hammond," after she appealed to those attending today to each bring a friend to the meeting next month to increase our attendance a bit.

Mr. Stodola opened his remarks by looking thru a 1940 newspaper and recalling for us the prices of some common daily used articles at that time. Of his own life, he told of trying to graduate from high school in three years to finish before he went into the service. When he came back from the war he went to college and law school. He went into politics. He ran for senator and did not win but he did succeed at city judge with Stanley Kulik. In the late '50's he supported Jack Kennedy's election and he became active as a Superior Court Judge, dealing with civil cases, personal injury, wills, name changes, and divorces.

The meeting concluded with refreshments and conversations.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the community room at the main library, 564 State St. Frank Stodola will present "Fond Memories of Hammond." The public is welcome.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1998
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Martha Steele	300 Waltham, Calumet City	(708)862-5171
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison, Hammond	932-1211
George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave, Munster	836-5457
John Swanson	7234 Alexander, Hammond	845-3498
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander, Hammond	845-3498
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Ave, Hammond	932-1798
Mary Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	931-9869
Dan & Anita Yovich	6736 Waveland, Hammond	844-8444
Wm. Weinand	618 Gordon Ave. Calumet City	(708)862-4534
Carter Martin	1512 - 169th St., Hammond	
Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St., Hammond	
Edw. A. Lukowski	Hammond	933-7665
Louise Lukowski	Hammond	933-7665
Curtis R. Freeman	7518 Walnut Ave. Hammond	844-7838
Geri Wendorf	4831 Columbia Ave. Hammond	932 -932-65
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Volkmann	6415 Forest Avenue, Hammond	932-7671
Helen M. McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-7415
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
Edith Phares	823 - 176th St. Hammond	932-2942
Noreen Komasinski	42 Highland St. Hammond	931-4223
Helen Byrd	503 Spruce St. Hammond	932-8967
Wm Tuley		
Marge Sohl		
Frank Stodola		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1998

Eight Board of Directors members met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 1998 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. John Swanson reported a balance of \$5736.59 in the treasury plus a check just received for \$255 from David Dettner to pay for the Sandborn maps as a memorial for the Milne family.

President Bill Tuley reported on the tabulation of the survey he conducted of the Board members since the last meeting concerning their feelings on seeking the Sawyer Branch building to develop as a museum if it becomes available. He received 16 yes only with city support and 6 no. Concerning the donation of limited time or funds for such a project, there was almost an even split between yes and no replies. Bill will convey the results to the Mayor and will await guidance from him.

Bill read a letter from the Mayor inviting him to a meeting for the purpose of forming a Commission of the Arts. Bill and Suzanne Long will attend the meeting.

Larry Knoerzer will be the speaker at our next meeting, April 19. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

William Tuley
Suzanne Long
Edith Phares
Thomas Rutkoski
Toni Caldwell
Elverta Seddelmeyer
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Marge Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1998

The March meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Tuley at 2:40p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. 56 members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Announcements were made concerning receipt of a memorial check for \$255 from David Dittner to memorialize the Milne family and to cover the cost of the Sandborn maps on microfilm for the Calumet Room. Reservations are now being taken for the annual dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 19th @ \$10 per person.

The speaker for today, Archibald McKinlay, local historian, was introduced to speak on what he considered to be the ten most noteworthy citizens of Hammond by category. Like David Letterman he listed them in reverse order.

- #10 - Best Motivator - Ed Weeks, Street Commissioner, who solved the early city sewage problem of clogged sewage pipes by releasing a slaughter house rat with a rat terrier at the other end to search him out.
- #9 - Best Prophet - Daniel J. Leeney - "Dopey Joe" Great at predicting tourney results until many thought he was John Whitaker.
- #8 - Best Gladhandler - Irv. Chayken was the self-appointed official greeter of Hammond at football, pro-games and Civic Center activities, arranged for trains to special events, especially sports events.
- #7 - Best Retriever - Charles Barnhart contributed to the WJOB and keeping it running thru its constant hard times. He moved in and lived there.
- #6 - Best Balancer - Howard Duncan lived in Calumet City, was a math genius and handled a lot of information in his head. Ponies were his weakness and he abstracted money from NIPSCO, said to be \$132,000. Found guilty in a \$1500 suit, he was fined \$1 plus 2 to 14 years in prison.
- #5 - Best Cultivator - Amy Dormagen, pianist, came from St. Louis, fell in love with and married a banker in Germany who died in the war. She came back to America, to Hammond and bought the house at 33 Waltham where she gave lessons and took in roomers and soon it became a conservatory.
- #4 - Best Virginal - Jean Muenich would have been in the 1929 class at Hammond High but for a shot gun wedding and her transfer to Tech. She went to WWAE as a blues singer and WWAF in Chicago at the Barn Dance and WLS country singer. At 23 she died from appendicitis in LaPorte and was buried there.
- #3 - Best Angler - Bob Meyer, foreign Correspondent with U.P., followed Patton thru Europe. Correspondents competed for earliest date line on stories. If you used a false date line, other correspondents gave you the silent treatment. A public information friend got him to where he saw the crossing from both sides and he was able to file stories from both sides. Later he wrote for Saturday Evening Post and Colliers and before Milan won the Indiana basketball championship he wrote a story like that before it happened. The story of Milan's success became the movie hit "Hoosiers."

- #2 - Luckiest - John Whitaker, graduated from University of Illinois in 1929. He was a best sports writer but his true love was golf. He played regularly at Burnham Woods winning \$15 bets from his partner whom he later found out was Machine Gun Jack from Chicago.
- #1 - Best Invincible - Doc Miner, who was from Kirkville, IL, and into chemistry and electricity. He served in France in the war and returned to teach, became a chiropractor, met and married a fellow chiropractor. He started a bus company and Insul and the South Shore ran him out of business. At the end of prohibition he started the Miner-Dunn hamburger business.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments and conversations.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community Room at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. Times columnist Archibald McKinlay will present "Hammond's Ten Most Notable Citizens by Category." Members may bring family and friends to meetings. The public is welcome.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1998

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 1998 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Eleven members were present.

Suzanne Long reported on the meeting with Mayor Dedelow at which she represented the Hammond Historical Society. It was about 30 people gathered as representatives of as many local organizations and businesses for the purpose of forming an Art Commission. It was chaired by Janet Moran. It was explained that a grant of about \$250,000 was available for a public art piece to be put someplace down town. What it should be and where were open for discussion.

Toni Caldwell reported working on the nomination list for officers and directors. She is still one person short but still awaiting replies from some.

Ruth Swanson suggested that we consider having a student membership for \$5 as an encouragement to young people up to 21 years. It was moved by Ruth, seconded by Edith and carried.

Bill presented the offer he received by mail from the Arcadia Publishing Company in Charleston, South Carolina to publish a local history picture book which they would print and market at their expense if we would provide the pictures to use. They are doing this for many midwest communities in the "Images of America Series." It was started in 1993 and they have done over 400 so far. It presents a visual history. Gary, Munster and Vincennes were among Indiana cities already working with them. Ruth moved, Edith seconded and carried a motion for Bill to pursue the publication of such a book.

John Swanson raised the question of how we want to handle the memorial funds that have been coming in for Violet Milne. The first \$255 gift from her nephew for the Milne Family was originally designated and spent for the microfilm maps. However \$125 has come in since then. Rather than create another fund, a memorial fund, it was decided for now we should acknowledge them and put them in the savings account and keep a paper trail account of what the monies were spent for.

The question was also raised on how to use the copies of Archibald MacKinlay's book which he left with us after he spoke at our March meeting. We now distribute the Centennial books free to new members who join the Society. Tabled for the present.

The meeting adjourned to go to the meeting in the Community Room.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Ruth Swanson
Curtis Freeman
Edith Phares
William Tuley
Bob Kindle
Marge Sohl

John Swanson
Harry Black
Suzanne Long
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Gerry Peiffer

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1998

The April meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, April 19 1998 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Bill Tuley presided. 27 signed the attendance sheet.

Bill announced that our annual dinner meeting is coming up on May 19 at the Pine Street Presbyterian church, 849 Chicago Avenue and reservations need to be made now if not yet done.

Dr. Gerry Peiffer introduced the speaker for today, Larry Knoerzer, who was to speak on the Harrison Park Area. He claimed to have grown up near Hammond because he grew up in West Hammond, a suburb of Hammond but he remembers clearly his trips to the downtown area. He remembered Harrison Park originally was Mott's cow pasture. It was sold to the city in 1895 for \$42,486. It originally also included the block between Webb and Carroll. It was dedicated in 1898 and named for Benjamin Harrison for the help Hammond received when acquiring Robertsedale. It became the showplace of the city. Horses and drag lines dug the lagoons, swans were added and July 4, 1907, the Foresters held a rally there they called Camp Harris. A variety of events were held there over the years including boxing matches, football games, track and field events, festivals, baseball games, and in June, 1919 the first chautauqua was held. In 1922 a KKK Rally with 12,000 attending caused some excitement. In 1960 they held a baptism by emersion in the pond. The size and shape of the ponds changed from time to time but generally the north pond was for fishing and the south pond was for swimming and skating with a boys and girls separate changing and warming building. Mayor Anderson closed the swimming pools due to a polio scare and later the north pool was filled in to make room for tennis courts and now basketball courts. Larry moved to Hammond when he married. In 1955 he bought a house in the Harrison Park area and his kids grew up using the park as a playground. A fountain area at Mason and Hohman was changed to a garden and the kids played in the mud. The old brick facility on the corner of Webb and Hohman is now being developed as a small museum by the Harrison Park District residents. In the 1970's the park got the reputation as a heroin park but police patrols have cleaned it up and made it safe again. It is used by many walkers as a short cut to down town and features a big July 4 picnic.

The meeting adjourned with coffee and cookies served.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1998
ATTENDANCE

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Marjorie Halaburt	511 - 139th St. Hammond	931-1570
Edith Phares	823 - 176th St. Hammond	932-2942
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Dan & Anita Yovich	6736 Waveland Ave. Hammond	844-8444
John & Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave. Hammond	845-3498
Marguerite & George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5457
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-3208
Vernon Miller	8478 Moraine Ave. Munster	836-9056
LaVonne Spanier	1627 Warwick, Whiting	659-4099
Charles Daily	32 Detroit St. Hammond	931-7908
Maurie O'Hern	241 Beverly Pl. Munster	836-8393
Edw. H. Lukowski	Hammond	933-7665
Curtis R. Freeman	7518 Walnut Ave. Hammond	844-7038
Bob Kindle	7210 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	844-2596
Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St. #253, Hammond	844-6355
Quarter Martin	1512 - 169th St. #253, Hammond	844-6355
Nolan Ahlborn	8943 Prairie Ave. Highland	838-2962
Mary Anne Ahlborn	8943 Prairie Ave. Highland	838-2962
Donna Djenka	P.O. Box 1336, Hammond	
Jim Smenos	9632 Seeley, Chicago	
Thora Berry	2007 Porte DeLeau, Highland	922-1289
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave. Hammond	
Marge Sohl		
Bill Tuley		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1998
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held this year in the facility of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church at 849 Chicago Avenue, Hammond. It was a catered dinner arranged by Lois Sherby that began at 6:30 p.m. Punch was served while members gathered and looked at the display of historical pictures provided by the church. Forty-four members and friends attended.

Rev. Robert Herrmann offered the invocation and the meal was enjoyed. A brief business meeting followed. Mechele Burbank, Editor of the FLASHBACK was unable to attend the meeting so her \$50 check of appreciation was forwarded to her. Minutes of the last annual meeting had been published in the FLASHBACK. John Swanson commented on the financial statement which was published on the dinner program.

Bill Tuley presented the attached summary of the year's activities. He called upon Toni Caldwell for the report of the Nominating Committee which resulted in the election of the following slate of officers for the coming year.

President - William Tuley
1st V.P. - Dr. Geraldine Peiffer (Program)
2nd V.P. - Ruth Swanson (Membership)
3rd V.P. - Suzanne Long (Publicity)
4th V.P. - Antoinette Caldwell (Publications)
5th V.P. - Lois Sherby (Annual Dinner)
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - John Swanson
Directors - Thru May, 1999 - Calvin Bellamy
Averill Colby
Margery Hindmarch
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Shirley Parsons
Directors - Thru May, 2000 - Margaret Evans
Robert Kindle
Larry Knoezer
Tom Rutkowski
Frank Stodola
Directors - Thru May, 2001 - Fern Arnold
Mechele Burbank
Mabelle Durand
Mary Milakovic
Frank Salidino
Directors - Thru May, 2002 - Curtis Freeman
Helen McGrath
Edith Phares
Helen Tuley
Steve Watson

Toni Caldwell conducted a memorial service for the five deceased members listed on our program: Fern Garrett, Olive Seidler, Violet Milne and Harold Story plus Howard Gescheidler who had just died yesterday. As we thought about each departed member, various friends and acquaintances spoke on their memories of them. Violet Milne's two nephews were in town and attended the dinner. They paid high tribute to her and what she had meant to their life.

We were then asked to move upstairs to the church sanctuary where the church pastor, Rev. Robert Herrmann and a church elder, Tom Reynolds, spoke to us and showed some slides on the history of the church.

The church was formed by a group of missionaries who were interested in forming a Sunday School which first met in homes. In 1906 the promoters left and in 1907 the Pine Street Gospel Mission was commissioned as a Presbyterian church by Rev. I. H. Heiser, elders were elected and 36 members were received all in one day. Rev. F. M. Elliott came in Oct, 1907 and stayed only until 1908. Rev. Talmage Witt came as the first pastor in 1914 and they attempted to build the first church but they stopped at the foundation. Rev. M. H. Kraus came in 1917 and pushed to raise \$24,500 for a church at Pine and Chicago Avenue. They settled for a church for \$22,000 and finished it in 1919 with 134 members. Rev. Kraus retired in 1920 and Rev. E. R. Steffy came. He established the first daily vacation Bible school. They had over 300 for Sunday School in 1924 when he left. After a string of short time pastors, Rev. Thomas J. Houston came in 1924 and stayed for 28 years.

The church flourished under Rev. Houston. It was finally able to go it alone without the stipend from the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Houston established the Mystery Pal Club which still continues today. He helped get men jobs, he got food for people in need, he was a man in many places involved in community activities. He established Pete, the pig, the first missionary society. With 386 members in 1949, all debts were retired and in 1952, with failing health, he retired.

Tom Reynolds took up the history at this point when he was 2 years old in 1952. He joined the church at 12 years old in 1962. He has been an elder since 1981. He has known the last five pastors and served under the last three. His parents moved into the area in 1949 and the church and building served as a rendezvous for the people in that neighborhood.

Rev. Kingma was a quiet and studious man who served about ten years to 1962. Rev. Ray P. Edwards served from 1962 to 1972. Rev. Douglas Tilly was here 1974 to 1984 and radiated the fact he was a minister. In 1984 Rev. Bruce Stanick moved the church into a new era. They opened a gym for the kids and got more involved in the community. Rev. Robert Herrmann came in 1995 and has been working with a church in a changing neighborhood and a breakdown in attendance. It is a church which has switched from the United Presbyterian Church to affiliation with the Presbyterian Church of America. It has chosen to stay where it is and meet the challenges of its current neighborhood rather than move to the south county and it has offered financial support to a new south county church.

On parting, as a token of the church, each person attending was given a copy of a 1929 publication of the Ladies Aid Society called the Domestic Review. It is an interesting collection of household information to help the women of that day to be better, more efficient housewives.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ANNUAL DINNER - MAY 19, 1998

Mary Anne Ahlborn	Elverta Seddelmeyer
Nolan Ahlborn	Lois Sherby
Fern Arnold	James Smenos
Ann Beckman	Marjorie Sohl
Michael Brock	Martha Steele
Ethel Byrne	Marilyn Steinmetz
Toni Caldwell	Geraldine Stephan
Averill Colby	Geraldine Stephan guest - Gladys Evan
Rosemary Colby	Geraldine Stephan guest - Helen Twettle
Dan Dettner	Geraldine Stephan guest - Betta White
Jack Dettner	John Swanson
Dettner guest - Julia Groves	Ruth Swanson
Donna Djenka	William Tuley
George Elkins	Marion Wheeler
Mrs. Elkins	Anita Yovich
Bob Kindle	Daniel Yovich
Gen Klacek	Church minister - Robert Herrmann
Helen McGrath	Church minister's wife - Mrs. Herrmann
Mary Milakovic	Suzanne Long
Gerry Peiffer	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Reynolds
Edith Phares	Shirley & Charles Parsons

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE HAMMOND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY DINNER MEETING
AT THE PINE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 19, 1998

As I looked back over the past year in preparation for this annual report, I wondered just what I could say. It suddenly dawned on me that we really had a very good year.

In an effort to keep our head above water from a financial standpoint we increased our annual dues without incurring the wrath of the membership.

Through the efforts of Dr. Geraldine Peiffer we were able to offer our membership, and guests, many fine Sunday afternoon programs. I am happy that Dr. "Gerry" will continue in that capacity the coming year.

A new program was created for the society by Suzanne Long, our "curator" in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Library. It was held on a sunny, Sunday afternoon in October. It was titled "A cemetery walk." Suzanne had selected several notable burial sites in Oak Hill Cemetery and she wrote a brief thumb-nail sketch of each individual buried at each site, with an actor, or actress at each site portraying the individual buried there, with a brief resume about the person. The walk was well received by all who walked through each point of interest. It was such a success that Suzanne will do it again this fall at Oak Hill Cemetery, but of course featuring a different group of burial sites.

Late last summer we were very fortunate to have an un-named member, working for a large company that remains un-named, call me and offer to do our monthly "Flashback" free of charge, except the postage. Mechele Burbank, editor was asked to limit the size of the newsletter to eight pages. I am happy to report that this individual and company is willing to continue with this arrangement for the coming season. He assured me that if at some point if they decide not to do this anymore, he will give plenty of notice and even help me find another source.

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Last summer the board of directors was advised there was a possibility that the Hammond Library Board may decide to close the Sawyer branch library, and perhaps one or two others as well, and perhaps we might arrange for the Sawyer branch to become a Hammond Historical Society Museum. The Sunday that Mayor Dedelow talked to us about his ongoing effort to restore downtown Hammond, I talked to him about the possibility of our historical society being interested in obtaining the Sawyer branch for our home and museum. He expressed his interest in this possible venture and asked that I keep him informed.

Consequently, the board of directors discussed at length the possibility, the pros and the cons of a venture of this sort. Because many of the board members were not at this meeting I informed the board that I would mail a survey sheet to every member, with a stamped return envelope. The result of the survey showed that a large majority of the board was in favor of this venture, PROVIDING there would be financial help from the city of Hammond. I immediately wrote to Mayor Dedelow reminding him that he had asked to be kept informed and therefore told him the results of the survey and asked that if he wished to sit down and discuss this venture I would be willing at his convenience. It has been over two months and there has been no reply from the mayor, so the project is back on the shelf.

I want to thank the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, the ladies and the pastor for allowing us to hold our annual meeting here. Along with this I want to thank Lois Sherby for arranging the location and the fine meal this evening.

Last, but by no means least, I want to thank the board of directors and the membership for their cooperation and attendance during this past year. I look forward to September and the beginning of another Hammond Historical Society year.

Bill Tuley
President

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**The
Hammond
Historical
Society's 38th
Annual
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Meeting
May 19, 1998
6:30 p.m.**

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**HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
38TH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
MAY 19, 1998 6:30 P.M.**

**PINE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
849 CHICAGO AVENUE
HAMMOND, INDIANA**

WELCOME WILLIAM TULEY

INVOCATION REV. ROBERT HERRMANN

*** DINNER ***

**BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting -- Marjorie Sohl, Secretary
Annual Financial Report -- John Swanson, Treasurer
President's Report -- William Tuley, President
Nominating Committee Report -- Antoinette Caldwell**

MEMORIAL SERVICE ANTOINETTE CALDWELL

IN MEMORY OF:

Fern Garrett
Harold R. Story

Olive Vivian Siedler

Violet V. Milne

**HISTORY OF THE PINE STREET
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REV. HERRMANN**

OFFICERS 1997-1998

President William T. Tuley
1st Vice President Dr. Geraldine Peiffer
2nd Vice President Ruth Swanson
3rd Vice President Suzanne Long
4th Vice President Antoinette Caldwell
5th Vice President Lois Scherby
Secretary Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer John Swanson

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MAY 1, 1997 - APRIL 30, 1998**

Balance on Hand, May 1, 1997 \$4,302.85

Receipts

Interest 109.83
Dues 1,629.00
Books 217.00
Memorial 410.32
Donations 210.00
Annual Dinner 290.00
Cemetery Walk 289.43
Miscellaneous 19.00

Disbursements

Service Charge 72.73
Postage 362.31
Annual Dinner 317.28
Supplies 145.00
Calumet Room Maps 255.00
Miscellaneous 100.00

Total Receipts **\$3,174.58** \$3,174.58
Total Disbursements **\$1,252.32** \$1,252.32

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE

ON HAND - APRIL 30, 1998 \$6,225.11

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DIRECTORS

Term thru May 1998

Harry Black
Carol Kutak
Helen McGrath
Edith Phares
Helen Tuley

Term thru May 1999

Calvin Bellamy
Averill Colby
Margery Hindmarch
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Harold Story

Term thru May 2000

Margaret Evans
Robert Kindler
Louise Lukowski
Tom Rutkowski
Frank Stodola

Term thru May 2001

Fern Arnold
Méchele Burbank
Mabelle Durand
Frank Salidino
Olive Seidler

PAST PRESIDENTS

1959-1998

1959-60	John Wilhelm*	1960-61	Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*
1961-62	Edward B. Hayward*	1962-63	Mrs. Vincent Bower
1963-64	George Nelson	1964-65	Anton Tapper*
1965-66	Mrs. Mary Peters*	1966-67	Mrs. Harry Wilson*
1967-68	Walter Bell*	1968-69	Mrs. Henry Cleveland*
1969-70	Marjorie Sohl	1970-71	Gordon Whitney
1971-72	Verlyn Mack*	1972-73	Mrs. Nina Cravens*
1973-74	Mrs. Leona Schreiber	1974-75	Kurt Marx*
1975-76	Fern Arnold	1976-77	Mrs. Evainez Jonas*
1977-78	Verlyn Mack*	1978-79	Charles McGregor*
1979-80	Jules Ebert*	1980-82	Bert Hindmarch*
1982-83	Jerome Kutak*	1983-85	Roger Reeder
1985-86	Theodore Shatkowski*	1986-87	Hazel Lindstrom*
1987-89	Averill Colby	1989-91	Mrs. Wanda Seevers
1991-93	Robert Kindler	1993-95	Dr. Geraldine Peiffer
1995-98	William Tuley		

* Deceased

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1998

President Bill Tuley called a summer meeting of the Board of the Hammond Historical society to meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 20 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twelve members attended.

Suzanne Long reported on progress she was making on plans for the second annual Cemetery Tour at Oak Hill Cemetery scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 1998. She has the text almost completed and is filling out the crew of helpers she needs to portray the graves to be visited.

Marge Sohl and Bill Tuley have attended meetings with the TIMES staff who have been hired to work on the TIMES Millennium Capsule Project and have been interviewed about their early families. The TIMES will be publishing special editions every month all next year on the countdown to the millennium covering the history of the communities served by the TIMES in Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana and Eastern Illinois.

Ruth Swanson questioned several names and if and when names should be removed from the mailing list. It was reiterated that the date when dues are due is printed beside the name on the address on the monthly Flashback and if that date does not now read 4/30/99, your dues are not paid for this year and you are subject to being removed from our mailing list. This was to be repeated in the new Flashback.

Lois Sherby announced that there will be a dedication of the old Lake County Court House sometime in October but the date had not been set. We should watch for the announcement of it. Lois also asked for suggestions of local churches where we have not yet met for our annual meeting in May. She is waiting to hear from the St. John's Lutheran Church on the north side. They are without a minister at present and hope to have one soon.

Gerry Peiffer who gets our programs for us was unable to attend this meeting but Bill asked for program suggestions to pass on to her. The following suggestions were forthcoming:

1. John Swanson was interested in the history of the street cars in Hammond. He admitted he had some knowledge of them from his father having been employed on them and was a possible speaker on them.
2. An interest was expressed in the Indiana Historical Society and their activities and publications. Janet Moran who now serves on their Board was suggested as a possible speaker.
3. An interest in the history of the company houses on Fields and along Columbia belonging to the Pullman Standard Company. A round table with people like Frank Lengal, Mary Milakovic, and Suzanne Long as possible discussers who might trigger comments from the audience.
4. Heard later the speaker lined up for the September 20 meeting is Charles Porter from the Porter cleaners.

Bill Tuley reported that in early July he was notified to submit within four days to the meeting of the Hammond Redevelopment Commission our proposal of our possible use of the Sawyer Branch Library. It seems anything the library board does with the closed branch buildings must be approved by the commission. Since we could do nothing without the financial support of the governmental or business or industrial community, our use of it depended on them financially. The last of the three branches, Sawyer, Rupp and Hansen, was closed August 1st but nothing has been heard from the mayor or the Redevelopment Commission.

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The board meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. before the Society meeting at 2:30p. m. on Sunday, September 20, 1998.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Bill Tuley
John Quigg for Steve Watson
Marjorie Sohl
Lois Sherby
Toni Caldwell
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Edith Phares
Larry Knoerzer
Ruth Swanson
Shirley Parsons
Robert Kindle
John Swanson

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1998
BOARD MEETING

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Sixteen members of the Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society gathered at 1:30 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library.

John Swanson presented a financial report showing a balance as of today of \$6537.55.

Bill Tuley read the attached letter of resignation as president of the Historical Society due to his need to be at home with his wife as much as possible in her current illness. On a motion by Tom, second by Peggy and carried, his resignation was accepted with profound regret. This left Dr. Gerry Peiffer, 1st Vice President as Interim President to continue the meeting. She reviewed the programs lined up for the rest of this year. After Charles Porter who will speak today, the Oak Hill Cemetery Tour on October 4 will take the place of our October 18 meeting. On November 15 John Swanson will talk about the street cars.

Mayor Dwaine Dedelow came to the Board meeting to float a concept today. He questioned if there is anywhere an inventory of historical artifacts of all of Hammond. The library has catalogued most of what is in its possession but what he would like to see done would be for the Historical Society to form a coordinating committee to put together an inventory list of historically significant materials indicating what is owned and by whom. This would entail contacting all the other organizations that hold historical materials and involve them in listing what is where that they own. Others mentioned included the Hessville Historical Society, the Little Red Schoolhouse, the Harrison Park Neighborhood Organization, the School City Administration, the City Administration, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Civic Center. The Board agreed to form such a coordinating millannium committee, a necessary prelude to any thoughts of a museum.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Marjorie Sohl
Peg Evans
Ethel Phares
Suzanne Long
John Swanson
Thomas Rutkowski
Ruth Swanson
Curtis Freeman
Toni Caldwell
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Bill Tuley
Dwaine Dedelow, Jr.
Helen McGrath
Larry Knoerzer
Shirley Parsons
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - September 20, 1998

Balance 5/23/98 6225.11

Credits

Dues	205.00	
Dinner	430.00	
Books	15.00	
Interest	39.48	
	<u>689.48</u>	
		+ 689.48
		<u>6914.59</u>

Debits

State Fee	10.00	
Dinner	288.08	
Refreshments	5.16	
Flackback	50.00	
Service Charge	23.80	
	<u>377.04</u>	
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		<u>6537.55</u>

Balance as of September 20, 1998 6537.55

Treasurer - John A. Swanson

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September 20, 1998

To the officers/directors and members of the Hammond Historical Society:

It is with sadness that I must tender my resignation to this wonderful organization.

This decision was not an easy one to make, as I have enjoyed being your president. However, my life has now reached a stage that requires me to spend as much time as possible with my wife of 51 years.

I will continue you being a member, attending meetings whenever possible.

Thank you for your understanding, and God Bless you all.

Bill Tuley

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1998

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The September meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, September 20, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-five attended.

The treasurer's report of \$6537.55 was read as well as President Bill Tuley's letter of resignation, by Dr. Gerry Peiffer. Then she introduced the speaker for today, her neighbor, Chuck Porter, to speak about his family's cleaning business, since it was started in 1851 by his grandfather, Jacob J. Porter.

Jacob was born in 1903 in the Maynard section of Munster to parents from Holland. The name was originally Porte to which they added an r for Porter. They lived on a farm where Community Hospital is now located. They had three sons, Melvin, Floyd and James. Chuck is a son of Floyd. Jacob worked up to superintendent in 1951 and then bought out the South Shore Cleaners.

It was truly a family business run by the three generations of the founder his three sons and their sons. The different generations entered and ran the developing businesses as they changed from a wetwash, a dry cleaners, a uniform sales, an apparel rental as the demands for the different kinds of products and services developed. In the 1980's. Chuck and his father left the business.

In 1984 when interest rates went up, Chuck started buying old houses, fixing them up and selling them. He was instrumental in forming the Boulevard Business Association, separate from the Chamber of Commerce. Then as houses were sold they had to be inspected so seven years ago he started the Sherlock Holmes Home Inspection Company where they inspect and evaluate homes for buyers.

The meeting adjourned for conversation and refreshments.

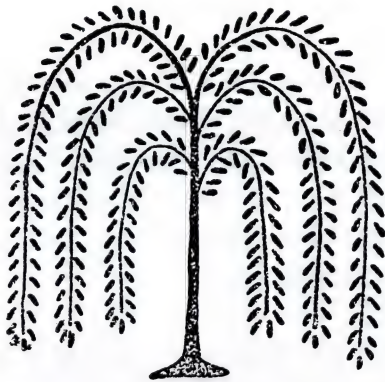
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1998
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Dan Yovich	6736 Waveland	844-8444
Marsha Hahney	4323 Dearborn Avenue	937-9558
Betty Hahney	226 Hanover St.	931-8843
Edith Phares	823 - 176th St.	932-2942
Marian Wheeler	921 - 173rd St.	931-9070
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St.	844-6355
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St.	932-3208
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave.	932-1211
Mart Milakovic	935 - 169th St.	931-9869
Marguerite & George Elkins	8010 Monroe St, Munster	836-5457
Curtis R. Freeman	7518 Walnut Ave.	844-7838
Shirley Parsons	25 Waltham St.	931-2993
Charles Parsons	25 Waltham St.	931-2993
John Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave.	845-3498
Larry Knoerzer	47 Waltham St.	931-6061
Edw. A. Lakowski	Hammond	933-7665
Anne Beckman	Hammond	931-2981
Marianne Rafalski		937-6449
Thora Berry	2007 Porte Da Leau, Highland	922-1289
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.		
Marge Sohl		
Ruth Swanson		
Bill Tuley		

*A Walk Through
Oak Hill Cemetery*



Sunday, October 4, 1998

**Presented by
Hammond Historical Society
&
Oak Hill Cemetery**



6445 Hohman Ave.
Hammond, In. 46324
(219) 932-0206

Oak Hill Cemetery

Dear Visitors:

Thank you for taking the time to visit our historical cemetery. We are proud of the strong local heritage this cemetery represents to the city of Hammond and other surrounding communities. Many individuals interred on these grounds were founding fathers of this region and contributed significantly to the development.

At the present time, Oak Hill continues to be a fully functional cemetery. After 112 years of service to the community, we continue to offer numerous choice burial sites, monuments and special cemetery services. If you would like information on selecting Oak Hill as your final resting place, please stop in our office or give us a call.

We hope you enjoyed your afternoon here at Oak Hill Cemetery. If we can be of assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Oak Hill Cemetery Management

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The 1998 Walk through Oak Hill Cemetery sponsored by Hammond Historical Society & Oak Hill Cemetery

Rev. Julius H. Dunsing - Pastor St. Paul's
Lutheran Church

Louis Roth - Hammond merchant

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Emma Campbell Gavit, portrayed by Janice Helge,
wife, mother and community leader.

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Maurice Champaign - restaurateur

Little Daisy - small child

A.F. Malo - Hammond Police Captain

Jacob Rimbach - Hammond entrepreneur

Winona & Charles Knotts - children of Gary's
first Mayor, T.E. Knotts

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Dr. Mary Jackson, portrayed by Debbie McGough,
physican and community activist.

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Oscar Krinbill - Hammond pharmacist

John Laws - Hammond businessman

John Marner - First Police Captain in East Chicago

Schrump Family - Calumet City Pickling Works

Herbert Ingraham - Whiting song writer

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William Gostlin, portrayed by Bill Tuley, Hammond
developer and businessman.

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Mueller Family - Hammond Hardware Store
 Charles Lavene - Hammond contractor
 Walter Hammond - son of Hammond Mayor
 J.T. Hutton - Hammond architect
 Tinkham Family - Minister and attorneys
 George Locklin - Enterprise Bed Company
 Sadie Leopold Wolf - wife of Hammond merchant
 Warren Reeder, Jr. - Founder of Hammond Historical
 Society

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Edgar Wilcox, portrayed by Tom Long, inventor of
 railroad equipment

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Peter Meyn - Hammond realtor and banker

The Hammond Historical Society was founded in 1960
 and is committed to the preservation of Hammond History.
 Memberships are \$10 annually. The Society meets on the
 third Sunday of the month at 2:30 pm in the Community
 Room of the Hammond Public Library.

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**Oak Hill Cemetery tour
to step off Sunday**

The Hammond Historical Society and Oak Hill Cemetery will host the annual Walking Tour of Oak Hill Cemetery from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the cemetery, 165th Street and Hohman Avenue. Guides will walk participants through the cemetery, stopping at several grave sites where actors will explain the lives of those buried there. Those featured include Emma Campbell Gavitt, Dr. Mary Jackson, William Gostlin and E.M. Wilcox. Advance tickets are \$3 by calling 931-1013. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$5. Parking will be available on Kenwood Street outside the cemetery. Raindate will be Oct. 11.

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WALKING BACK IN TIME



BRETT REIERSON / THE TIMES

Arlouise Lammering, left, of Hammond shares a laugh Sunday afternoon with Janice Helge, who portrayed Emma Campbell Gavit, a founding member of the local chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, during the Hammond Historical Society's walk through Oak Hill Cemetery.

Hammond Historical Society sponsors cemetery walk to bring city's past alive

BY MARCIA JARON
Times Correspondent

HAMMOND - With period costumes and reflections on achievements of long ago, members of the Hammond Historical Society brought parts of the city's history to life for visitors who joined them Sunday on an autumn walk through Oak Hill Cemetery.

Society volunteers portrayed some of

Hammond's prominent residents from the past, and people strolled past their graves as guides related highlights from lives of other historical figures who contributed to the city.

Although history often concentrates on events, learning about the people who contributed to those events is what makes history interesting, said Suzanne

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"History doesn't happen without personalities ... you get a feel for who these people really were.

They did influence Hammond, and some of their influence is still going on."

Suzanne Long, third vice president of the Hammond Historical Society

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Long, third vice president of the historical society and one of the event's organizers.

"History doesn't happen without personalities," she said. In listening to the stories of their lives "you get a feel for who these people really were. They did influence Hammond, and some of their influence is still going on."

Long said the historical society organized the second annual walk to increase awareness of the history and personalities of Hammond, and also to let people know about the society. Because Oak Hill Cemetery, co-sponsor of the walk, is 112 years old and one of the oldest cemeteries in northern Lake County, many prominent Hammond residents are buried there.

Several family names carved upon the stones are familiar to most people because streets or schools have been

named for them. But other former residents, while less known, have also made their contributions to the city. Mary Jackson, a physician and community activist, was one of these.

"I was extremely committed to the improvement of the conditions of women in America at the turn of the last century," were the words of Dr. Mary Jackson, as portrayed by Debbie McGough. "I was influenced by the Women's Relief Corps, which dealt directly with the wives and widows of Civil War veterans."

In 1913 Jackson traveled throughout Europe, visiting hospitals to bring back ideas for the local Women's Christian Temperance Union hospital. She called the conditions for women in the immigrant communities of East Hammond appalling, and overcame the barriers of different languages and customs to help those women.

In her obituary, the Lake County

"I came to see their graves and hear some of their personal stories. I grew up in Hammond, and it's kind of interesting to hear some of the stories behind the names."

Roland Camp, history teacher at East Chicago Central High School

Times referred to her as the Frances Willard of Hammond.

Next to Mary Jackson's grave is the final resting place of a granddaughter, Mary Dyer. In the early part of the century, a child who died was often buried next to grandparents, especially when parents could not afford a plot, so the child would not have to be alone for eternity.

By the grave of Edgar M. Wilcox, an engineer for the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad, portrayer Tom Long, with IHB cap and lanterns, explained how Wilcox eliminated the dangerous work of brakemen.

Standing on top of railroad cars to control speed as the cars were rolled down hills for switching, brakemen risked slipping and falling to their death.

Wilcox invented the car retarder, an extra rail on the inside of the track, pushed against the rail by giant springs, that adjusted the cars' speed. His invention put Hammond on the map when people came from around the world to see it, and the car retarder is still in use today.

Near the gravesites of Gostlins, Hammonds, Muellers, Tinkhams and others, Emma Campbell Gavit, a founding mem-

ber of the local chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, waited to warn visitors against the evils of liquor.

Dressed in floor-length black, with an embroidered rose vest, Janice Helge, as Emma, spoke about church, family, and the daughter and five sons Emma raised one of whom, Donald, worked in the Hammond Public School system and had a school named for him.

Among the nearly 100 people strolling through the past on the crisp autumn afternoon was Roland Camp of Munster, who teaches history at East Chicago Central High School.

He said he was especially intrigued by the event. He said he reads about the prominent people of Hammond's past in the weekly history column in The Times.

"I came to see their graves and hear some of their personal stories," Camp said. "I grew up in Hammond, and it's kind of interesting to hear some of the stories behind the names."

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

Sunday, October 18, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 pm by Second Vice President Ruth Swanson with the following members present: Suzanne Long, Elverta Seddelmeyer, Peg Evans, John Swanson, Lois Sherby, Edith Phares, Toni Caldwell, Curt Freeman and Ruth Swanson.

Old Business

Cemetery Tour Report. Suzanne Long reported that about 80 people attended. Since fewer supplies were needed, the tour made about \$350. The publicity was helpful and may create more interest for next year.

A letter for life members needs to be composed, as well as corrections in the letter to new members.

Mayor's Inventory of Historical Materials. At the October meeting the Mayor requested that the Society inventory all materials/artifacts in the city. Peg Evans and Suzanne Long will co-chair this committee. Clarification from the Mayor will be obtained and then the membership will be asked to help with this project.

New Business

Toni Caldwell suggested that a telephone tree be established to keep board members informed and reminded of meetings. She will call several officers who will in turn call other board members.

By-Laws - There was a discussion on the need for current by-laws for the Society and job descriptions for officers. Lois Sherby and Toni Caldwell, with the help of Marge Sohl, will be the future committee for this task.

Filling the office of president. Bill Tuley resigned his office at the September meeting due to personal reasons. After a discussion, Lois Sherby moved and Curt Freeman seconded a motion to have Suzanne Long assume the office of president until the regular election of officers at the May dinner. Motion carried.

Special recognition for Bill Tuley. Curt Freeman moved and Lois Sherby seconded a motion to have a special recognition of all the work Bill Tuley has done for the Society at the May Dinner. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Suzanne Long, Secretary Pro-Tem

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1998

Fifteen members of the Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 15, 1998 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Suzanne Long presided. She announced that the FLASHBACK for the month was out but not all had received it in the mail before this meeting.

John Swanson presented the attached financial report showing a balance of \$7506.06. He also turned in Arnold Rose's auditors report for the fiscal year May, 1997 to April, 1998.

Suzanne reported having written a letter to Mayor Dedelow concerning his request at the last board meeting for the Historical Society to assume the responsibility for an inventory of the city's historical records and resources. She asked for some detail of what he wants and when. She has not had an answer yet.

Suzanne followed up the completion of the Oak Hill Cemetery Tour last month by acknowledging the help and cooperation of the cemetery administrators and requested we consider a \$50 donation be given to them again this year. A motion by Toni Caldwell to do so was seconded by Lois Sherby and carried.

With the recent need to change some officers, Suzanne suggested we should review the by-laws and consider if any up-dating is needed. Marge Sohl was asked to head the committee. Lois Sherby and Ruth Swanson agreed to be on it and will report sometime later.

Current copies of the board members with addresses and phone numbers were distributed to those who did not have them.

The possible location of the annual dinner was questioned. Lois agreed to try to reach someone at St. John's Lutheran Church again.

Dr. Gerry Peiffer is working on possible speakers for the January meeting. Names of Bill Yovich and Bill McNabney were suggested to her to contact.

Suzanne announced the Historical Society has been asked to participate in the Library Information Fair to be held at the Senior Day Outreach program on Tuesday, February 23, 1999 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Ruth brought to our attention that the membership forms we now have need up-dating since our dues were changed. The supply on hand will be checked. The current format is good including the brief history of Hammond.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. to move to the Community Room for the public meeting. The board will meet next at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 1999.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Suzanne Long
Toni Caldwell
Shirley Parsons
Lois Sherby
Peg Evans

Curtis R. Freeman
Thomas Rutkowski
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Ruth Swanson
Marge Sohl

Mabelle Durand
Larry Knoerzer
Edith Phares
John Swanson
Dr. Gerry Peiffer, M.D.

Hammond Historical Society Treasurer's Report

Balance 9/20/98

\$ 6537.55

Credits

Dues	\$ 610.00
Cemetery Walk	359.00
Books	40.00
Interest	18.61
	\$ 1027.61

+ 1027.61
\$ 7565.16

Debits

Stamps	\$ 21.68
Refreshments	25.00
Service Charge	4.51
" "	7.91
	\$ 59.10

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\$ 7506.06

Balance 11/15/98

\$ 7506.06

Treasurer's Report 11/15/98
John A. Swanson

October 30, 1998

Auditors Report

To the Board of Directors
Hammond Historical Society

I have audited the financial records of the Hammond Historical Society for the fiscal year May 1997 to April 1998. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

My audit was conducted in accordance with general auditing standards. An audit includes examining evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial reports.

In my opinion, the financial records and statements presents fairly and accurately the financial position of the Hammond Historical Society and the results of their operations for the fiscal year ending April 1998 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Arnold Rose

Arnold Rose

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1998

The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 15, 1998 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library by Suzanne Long. She read the treasurer's balance as of November 15, 1998 as \$7506.06/

Dr. Gerry Peiffer before introducing the speaker for today pointed out that we have no meeting in December and asked if anyone had any ideas for future programs or speakers to let her know. She introduced the speaker for today, our current treasurer, John Swanson, to speak on the early street cars.

John indicated his interest in the street cars stemmed from the fact his father was an early street car conductor and that he, as a child, had often ridden with him on the run to Chicago. He said the street cars ran in Hammond from about 1910 to 1937 when they were pretty well replaced with buses. The lines built tracks and existed pretty much as needed but none for very long at a time. The street cars were the main source of public transportation into Chicago. They ran up to 63rd and South Park. It cost 8¢ in Indiana and at the state line, another 7¢ was collected and the trip took 1 1/2 hours. In the other direction, they would run down Hohman to Conkey to 165th where they had to be turned around or they would reverse the trolley.

The car barns were west of Hohman on Sheffield but later were moved to Columbia Avenue and some lines ran to East Chicago. The street cars were supplemented and later replaced by jitneys that ran pretty much on routes:

1. Columbia to Conkey to Hohman to State to 150th.
2. To East Chicago to Whiting to 63rd and South Park.
3. Gostlin and Hohman to Indianapolis Blvd. to Whiting.

They ran about every 15 minutes but because of all the railroads they had to cross keeping a schedule was difficult. The various routes were run by individual entrepreneurs.

The street cars had snow plows on the front end so they were usually the ones to first plow the streets. They were called the green line and were all painted green. They wiggled all over and made some passengers sick to ride very far. The track beds were very uneven.

The meeting adjourned with refreshments and conversation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1998
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Dan Yovich	6736 Waveland	844-8444
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd St.	932-3208
Edith Phares	823 - 173rd St.	932-2942
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Ave.	844-6796
GM Peiffer, M.D.		931-6878
Tom & Sue Tobin		838-8790
Mabelle Durand		836-1042
Toni Caldwell		932-1211
Harry Black		932-1798
Carter & Olive Martin		844-6355
Curtis R. Freeman		844-7838
Edw. A. Lukowski		933-7665
Noreen Konasinski	42 Highland	931-4223
Jim Thorley	7729 Hohman Ave, Munster	836-8034
Mary Anne & Nolan Ahlborn	8943 Prairie Ave., Highland	838-2962
Larry Knoerzer	47 Waltham	931-6061
Shirley & Charles Parsons	25 Waltham	931-2993
Nella Mae Beckman	900 Camellia, Munster	924-1434
Thora Berry	2007 Porte DeLeau, Highland	922-1289
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St.	931-9070
Florence Bond	1733 - 171st St.	844-6769
Eleanor Jordan	742 E. Sibley Blvd. Dolton, IL	708-841-1058
John & Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave.	
Suzanne Long		931-1013
Marge Sohl		

Hammond Historical Society to meet

Hammond - The Hammond Historical Society will hold its meeting on Sunday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street in Hammond. The program will be

given by John Swanson whose topic will be the Hammond streetcar company and its routes.

Members are welcome to bring family and friends to the Historical Society meetings and the public is invited to attend.

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community Room at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. John Swanson will present a program on the Hammond streetcar company and its routes through the city. Members, guests and the public may attend. For more information, call 931-1013.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1999

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 1999 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Nine members attended. Suzanne Long presided.

Future programs were listed. Following Dan Yovich on Hegewisch today, in February James Sandrick from the Whiting Historical Society will show slides and comment on them. In March Wallie Skibinski has agreed to speak about WJOB. For April, Ruth Swanson is still working on putting together an interview program on the Pullman Company Houses.

Suzanne indicated the Society had received a \$50 memorial donation, an invitation to the Ophelia Steen Family and Health Services Black and White Dinner: an invitation to send representatives to the first meeting of the committee to inventory the historic artifax of the city of Hammond at the request of the mayor. John and Ruth Swanson represented the Historical Society. Barbara Hooper, the city recycling officer called the meeting. Represented were Bryan Poland from city planning, Whiting Historical Society, Hessville Historical Society, city schools, PTA's and city police and fire departments. Preliminary discussion led to inviting Steve McShane from IUNorthwest to the next meeting January 26 for advice on how to do an inventory and how to store it.

A meeting time was set for Feb. 4 for the by-laws committee of Marge Sohl, Lois Sherby, Ruth Swanson and Suzanne Long to meet to bring our by-laws up to date. Some felt the by-laws had been revised in the mid-eightys. Some of the areas that needed changes were discussed and decided to leave it to the committee. Ruth sought guidance in when to charge back dues and when to purge the mailing list of past due members.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Curtis Freeman
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Thomas Rutkoski
Ruth Swanson
John Swanson
Robert D. Kindle
Peg Evans
Suzanne Long
Marjorie Sohl

Hammond

Exploring Hammond, Hegewisch links

Dan Yovich will talk about the historical connection between Hammond and Chicago's Hegewisch section during the meeting of the Hammond Historical Society at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. Members are welcome to bring family and friends to society meetings, and the public is invited. The library is accessible to people with disabilities.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1999

Suzanne Long called the meeting of the Hammond Historical Society to order at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 1999 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-eight signed the attendance sheet.

Suzanne announced the committee to inventory Hammond's historical artifacts at the mayor's suggestion has been activated and met once. The Society will be participating in the Library's Information Fair for Seniors on February 23. She also announced the passing in the last two months of two long time Society members with Grace Free and Wanda Seevers. The treasurer reported a current balance of \$7906.89.

Dr. Gerry Peiffer introduced the speaker for today, Dan Yovich, a teacher of creative thinking from Purdue Calumet, speaking today on the Relationship Between Hegewisch and Hammond. He began by pointing out one of the Hammond Historical Society's early publications, the 1889 Census of Hegewisch, Hammond and East Chicago. This grouping was because this was the grouping of the way the cities operated then and the grouping we are familiar with on the call for the South Shore train of Hegewisch, Hammond, East Chicago and Gary.

When Mr. Yovich started to work on this presentation, he was able to find very little documented history and he had to depend for much of his information on personal interviews and there he found that many are dead or don't remember.

Hegewisch is in the heart of the Calumet Region, formed 3500 years ago during the Ice Age when the beautiful Lake Calumet was formed and left this great mushroom country and Indian Settlement country until Pullman came to this area in the 1880-90's looking for land for his great railroad car company vision. This was the same time Hammond was being settled. Rolling Steel Company started in Hegewisch and most of the people there were employees of Rolling Steel. Pressed Steel is still there. It was settled mostly by Irish, German and Austrians who worshipped in Methodist and Catholic churches. A train ran between Hammond and Hegewisch but there was no one with vision and it became absorbed in Chicago as a part of Hyde Park. The Ford plant became important in the manufacture of armoured cars in World War II. Airplane models from Hegewisch's contest were used to train pilots in plane identification. Many people from Hegewisch found work in nearby Junior Toy and at Inland Steel. The state Line was a revolving door.

Hegewisch was organized roughly into three neighborhoods: 1. Arizona because of the sand and wildlife, 2. Yaptown, an area of all Polish settlers, 3. Behind the Park, the area West of Man Park. At this point Mr. Yovich showed a series of transparencies of certain buildings and areas.

In listing of contributions of Hegewisch to Hammond, Mr. Yovich itemized things like the 4000 high school students that have paid out-of-state tuition to Bishop Noll and Calumet College, the patients sent to St. Margaret Hospital, the businesses and theatres in downtown Hammond, Madura's Danceland and Oak Hill Cemetery but he pointed out Hammond came to Hegewisch to drink because they were open on Sunday and had a bar on every block. He pointed out it was the guts of the people of Hegewisch that stopped the building of the Lake Calumet Airport in 1992 because it would have replaced the whole town area.

Coffee and cookies were served after the presentation.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1999
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
G. M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Ave. Hammond	931-6878
Ray Speelman	1238 - 170th St. Hammond	844-3075
William Uzdandvich	P.O. Box 212, Hammond	
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd St. Hammond	931-9070
Diamond Nickias	1542 Kenilworth Dr. Cal. City	708-862-3151
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman Ave. Hammond	932-2034
Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5957
George Elkins	8010 Monroe Ave. Munster	836-5957
Dan Yovich	6736 Waveland Ave. Hammond	844-8444
Anita Yovich	6736 Waveland Ave. Hammond	844-8444
Walter A. Skibinski	4330 Cameron Ave. Hammond	931-3856
William & Rose McNabney	St. John	365-3356
John & Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Ave. Hammond	845-3498
Louella Gaddini	13451 Greenbay, Hegewisch	646-3521
Edw. A. Lukowski	Hammond	933-7665
Marcella Ciucki	8723 Oakwood Ave. Munster	923-8375
Peg Evans	18104 Ridgewood Ave. Lansing	708-474-2138
Robert D. Kindle	7210 Baring Pkwy, Hammond	844-2596
Curtis R. Freeman	7518 Walnut Ave. Hammond	844-7838
Helen M. McGrath	6638 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-7415
Gertrude Volkmann	6415 Forest Ave. Hammond	932-7671
Helen Anzol	13536 Mackinow, Chicago	
Debbie Aniol	13506 Mackinow, Chicago	
Michael Aniol	13506 Mackinaw, Chicago	
Jim Panagas	13041 Marquette Ave. Chicago	
Marge Sohl	9519 Southmoor Ave. Highland	924-7525

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1999

Ten members of the Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, 1999 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Suzanne Long presided.

Suzanne called attention to the current exhibit in the Gallery on the second floor that is a traveling exhibit, "Perfect Likeness;" that is here on loan for a month from the Indiana Historical Society. She also promoted "Traces." the publication that comes from the Indiana Historical Society with a membership subscription.

The mayor's committee charged with inventoring the historical artifax of Hammond is scheduled to meet again at 1 p.m. on February 25 at the library.

Tuesday, February 23 is the Senior's Day Information Fair, 1:30-3:00 p.m. at which the Historical Society will be providing information and materials on the Society via Suzanne Long and John Swanson.

Gerry Peiffer reviewed the speakers for the future meetings. They will be for the March meeting, Walter Skibinski on WJOB, April meeting, Ruth Swanson and a panal on East Hammond Company Houses and Residents, May annual dinner meeting, Tuesday, May 18 at the St. John's Lutheran Church on the north side.

The newly revised ByLaws which had been mailed to all Board members before this meeting to be read before the meeting were discussed and the good work of the committee congratulated. When all questions were answered satisfactorly, a motion for the Board to accept them and recommend them to the membership for passage was made by Larry Knoerzer, seconded by Ruth Swanson and carried. It was reviewed that they will be published in the March and April newsletter, FLASHBACK, and be voted on at the April meeting and be put into effect at the annual meeting in May.

Since sale of one of the Society publications went well at the last meeting, it was decided to take copies of the Bicentennial publication to this meeting to make it easily available to any attending who might want to buy it.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Curtis Freeman
Shirley Parsons
Larry Knoerzer
Edith Phares
Ruth Swanson
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
John Swanson
Suzanne Long
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Marjorie Sohl

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1999

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society will hold its meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at 564 State St. The program will be given by James Sandrick, whose topic will be the history of Whiting and its connection to Hammond. Members are welcome to bring family and friends to society meetings, and the public is invited to attend.

Hammond Historical SocietyTreasurer's Report - February 21, 1999

Balance 1/17/99 \$7906.89

Credits

Dues	\$142.50	
Interest	7.07	
	<u>149.57</u>	+ 149.57
		<u>\$ 8056.46</u>

Debits

Postage	\$105.54	
Service Charge	6.57	
	<u>\$ 112.11</u>	- 112.11
		<u>\$ 7944.35</u>

Balance 2/21/99 \$7944.35

Submitted by
John Swanson
Treasurer

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1999

The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, 1999 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-four signed the attendance sheet. Suzanne Long presided.

Suzanne read the treasurer's report showing a current balance of \$7944.35. She announced the next meeting will be held on March 21 with Walter Skibinski the speaker on WJOB. She reported the Board at its just completed meeting had passed for recommendation to the membership for a vote^{of} the revised ByLaws which will be published in the next two FLASHBACKS for a vote at the April meeting.

Gerry Peiffer introduced the speaker for today's meeting, James Sandrick, to present a program on the history of Whiting and Robertsdale. Mr. Sandrick is a volunteer who said volunteer time is the rent you pay for living in a community. He has paid his rent well. He has made a hobby of photography and has made slides of recording the history of Whiting and Robertsdale. He shared many of those slides with us today along with his commentary and explanation to accompany them. He is a fifth generation Whitingite so he had much to draw from.

Mr. Sandrick started with a series of pictures of the Whiting Public Library since Whiting is the only Carnegie library building left standing in this area. It was built in 1905 and had a pretty complete restoration in 1980. He had pictures from ground breaking and architectural drawings thru the restoration, both inside and out.

The first settlers along the lake shore date from the 1850's but some of the earliest pictures of Whiting were from the 1900's. Whiting was named after Herbert L. Whiting, an early railroad director. Standard Oil was instrumental in the building of Whiting, building homes for its executives, railroads along the lakeshore, and churches and parks in the city. Plymouth Congregational was the first church in Whiting and St. John's was the first Catholic church.

Mr. Sandrick showed pictures of historic events in Whiting's history: the Vogel Fire in 1955, the Boardwalk Park in the 20's, the Roby Race track, the Princess, the Royal and the Hoosier Movie houses. The Hoosier has been restored and reopened and is now listed on the National Register. Work is being encouraged to restore the facade of buildings in the 1500 block to the original buildings appearance. This year the graduation of the 100th class from Whiting High School will be celebrated. Great local pride is celebrated each year with its 4th of July parade and picnic.

The meeting adjourned with refreshments and conversations.

Marjorie Sohl, kSecretary.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1999
 ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Curtis Freeman	7518 Walnut Avenue, Hammond	844-7838
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 173rd Street, Hammond	932-3208
Edith Phares	823 - 176th Street, Hammond	932-2942
Thora Berry	2007 Porte De Leau, Highland	922-1289
Marilynn C. Steinmetz	7519 Maplewood, Hammond	931-9316
Marion Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond	931-9070
Geri Wendorf	4831 Columbia Avenue, Hammond	932-6582
Charles Parsons	25 Waltham Street, Hammond	931-2993
Shirley Parsons	25 Waltham Street, Hammond	931-2993
Larry Knoerzer	47 Waltham Street, Hammond	931-6061
Noreen Komasinski	42 Highland Street, Hammond	931-4223
Francis D. Meyer	7807 Hohman Avenue, Munster	
Nolan Ahlborn	8943 Prairie Avenue, Highland	838-2962
Mary Anne Ahlborn	8943 Prairie Avenue, Highland	838-2962
Edw. A. Lukowski	Hammond	933-7665
Olympia Bereolos Anton	Hammond	932-2034
Marguerite & George Elkins	Munster	836-5457
Larry Crane	9319 O'Day, Highland	924-3273
Tom & Sue Tobin	Munster	838-8790
Ruth & John Swanson	7234 Alexander Avenue, Hammond	845-3498
Marjorie Sohl	9519 Southmoor Avenue, Highland	924-7525

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1999

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, 1999 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Suzanne Long presided. 12 members were present.

Ruth Swanson reported the current membership list totals 334. The treasurer reported a balance of \$8049.71 in the treasury.

Suzanne reported having received the Indiana Historical Society's list of available speakers. Also she received the Legacy Foundation's application for grants from \$500 to \$2000. Suzanne reported the mayor's inventory committee will next meet at the Whiting Public Library on Thursday, March 25, 1999 at 1 p.m. They are considering getting a summer intern student to work on the project.

Speakers for today's meeting and the next two months are scheduled: Wally Skibinski and WJOB today, Ruth Swanson and the Pullman Houses in April, and St. John Lutheran Church minister or representative in May at the annual dinner.

Suzanne represented the Historical Society at the library's Senior Information Day and had what she felt was a good response.

No questions or objections were raised for the proposed changed by-laws so they will be submitted to be voted upon at the next meeting.

A nominating committee is needed to prepare a slate for the annual meeting. Unless there are some volunteers, Suzanne will appoint a committee in the near future.

It has been suggested that we should be considering transferring the tapes of our early meetings that are on real to reel tape to cassette tapes or CDs. We need some advice on this as to who can do it and the cost.

Curtis Freeman felt the Flashback Editor's plea for help needed to be heeded and we need to know ahead of time if there is not going to be one published each month. We need to talk to her to find out who and what can help her.

Recent deaths of two members were noted. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Suzanne Long
Curtis Freeman
Shirley Parsons
Edith Phares
John Swanson
Elverta Seddelmeyer

Peg Evans
Larry Knoerzer
Helen McGrath
Lois Sherby
Ruth Swanson
Marjorie Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1999

The March meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library on Sunday, March 21, 1999 by Suzanne Long, President. Thirty-three members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Suzanne quoted the treasurer's report as \$8049.71. No one had any questions to ask about the proposed by-laws so a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Suzanne reported that Mechele is looking for material to publish in the Flashback by the first week of each month and encouraged people to write down some of their memories and send them in.

Dan Yovich was asked to introduce the speaker for today, Wally Skibinski, a legend for Polish music broadcasting and also as its connection with the history of the WJOB radio station. His career with Polish language and music broadcasting extends over a period of 47 years. A copy of his paper is available and will be included in the Calumet Room files of WJOB and also of Wally Skibinski.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. with refreshments and a social hour.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND - The Hammond Historical Society
will meet at 2:30 p.m. March 21 at 564 State St. The program will be given by Wally Skibinski, whose topic will be the history of WJOB and his long association with the station. Members are welcome to bring family and friends to the meetings, and the public is invited.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1999
ATTENDANCE

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
William Undanovich	P.O. Box 212, Hammond, IN 46325	
Roy Speelman	1238 - 170th St. Hammond	844-3075
Dan Yovich	6736 Waveland Av. Hammond	844-8444
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Av. Hammond	844-6796
Helen McGrath	6638 Jackson Av. Hammond	
Edith Phares	823 - 176th St. Hammond	
Thora Berry	2007 Porte de Leau Ct. Highland	
Elverta Seddelmeyer	617 - 175th St. Hammond	932-3208
Sue Tobin	Munster, IN	
Tom Tobin	Munster, IN	
Peg Evans	18104 Ridgewood Av. Lansing	708-474-2138
Shirle Kowalisyn	221 - 173rd Place, Hammond	933-6317
George Elkins	8010 Monroe Av. Munster	836-5457
Marguerite Elkins	8010 Monroe Av. Munster	836-5457
Olympia Bereolos Anton	6756 Hohman Av. Hammond	932-2034
Marilyn C. Steinmetz	7519 Maplewood Av. Hammond	931-9316
Carter & Olive Martin	1512 - 169th St. Hammond	844-6355
Veronica Noweswick	9217 Foliage Av. Munster	923-6504
Dan'l J. Milne	8802 Prairie Av. Highland	972-2980
Larry Crane	9719 O'Day Dr. Highland	924-3273
Larry Knoerzer	47 Waltham St. Hammond	931-6061
Charles & Shirley Parsons	25 Waltham St. Hammond	931-2993
Lucille Barlog	1818 Wren Drive, Munster	923-3147
Paula Skibinski	4330 Cameron Av. Hammond	931-3856
John Swanson	7234 Alexander Av. Hammond	845-3498
	7518 Walnut Av. Hammond	844-7838
Gene Barlog	1818 Wren Dr. Munster	923-3147
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Av. Hammond	
Suzanne Long	6621 Monroe Av. Hammond	
Lillian Lymorzyk	Hammond	
Marjorie Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1999

Eleven Board members of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, 1999 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Suzanne Long presided. She reported the mayor's inventory committee had met and that their request for a summer intern to work on the project had been approved with a grant for \$5000 for salary. Brian Poland was designated to get a person to do the job.

In discussion of preparations for the annual meeting, Lois Sherby agreed to do the memorial service. Peggy Evans and Curtis Freeman agreed to work with Suzanne as a nominating committee. Lois indicated reservations were coming in slowly for the dinner May 18th.

Suzanne explained the need for a quick decision for the Hammond Historical Society to become a co-sponsor with the Hammond Preservation Commission and the Hammond Public Library for a program at the library on Thursday, May 6, 1999 at 7 p.m. on the architecture of George Grant Elmslie in Hammond and beyond. The program May 6 will feature speakers Paul Krutz and Ronald E. Schmitt from the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The library exhibit gallery will feature pieces of Mr. Elmslie's designs from the historic Edison and Morton Elementary Schools for the month of May. The Historical Society voted to be responsible for the mailing of the invitations and the refreshments for the meeting. Catalogs of his work will sell at the meeting for \$5.00.

Suzanne pointed out the Society now has a website maintained by a member and the last FLASHBACK featured examples from it. She invited people with computers to visit it.

Noted was the recent death of long time member and author Maurice O'Hearn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Peg Evans
Larry Knoerzer
Shirley Parsons
Suzanne Long
John Swanson
Edith Phares
Curtis Freeman
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.
Lois Sherby
Marge Sohl
Ruth Swanson

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1999

The April meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library on Sunday, April 18, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. Forty-one persons signed the attendance sheet. Suzanne Long presided. She read the treasurer's statement showing a balance of \$8282.14.

All were reminded of the annual dinner on Tuesday, May 18, 1999 at the St. John Lutheran Church, 606 - 141st Street, Hammond, and to reserve with Lois Sherby today.

Suzanne announced the Hammond Historical Society was co-sponsoring the program on Thursday, May 6, in observance of National Historic Preservation month. The work of George Elmslie is being celebrated with this program on his work and the display of examples of his work in the Gallery exhibit area of the library.

The March issue of the FLASHBACK published the revised by laws for the Hammond Historical Society for members to read and consider until this meeting. On a motion by Lois Sherby, seconded by Ruth Swanson, the revised by laws were accepted as printed.

Note was made of the recent death of long time member and author Maurice O'Hearn.

The program today was a discussion of life in the Pullman-Standard Houses along Columbia Avenue and growing up in the neighborhood. It was organized and led by Ruth Swanson, who was born and raised on Columbia Avenue and who asked four people to join with her for a discussion of their early life there. Their discussion was video taped and was shared with us on tape after her presentation of early history of the area.

Ruth set the background for the growth of the area as a result of the industrial boom that was going on in about 1906. Railway cars were needed to be shipped west and the Standard Steel was located there to build them. Hundreds of workers were needed and tentment houses sprung up to house them. As a small city was born and a large foreign element was added to meet the labor needs. Columbia Avenue was paved and a new fire station and Wallace School was added in 1908. The first car was finished on June 27, 1907. By 1917 the company build houses for management and in 1918 the Lyndora Hotel was build. The company was not taken over by Pullman until 1930. Tracing the city directories from 1911 to 1922 they were able to trace names of people who lived in that area during that time.

Ruth then showed the video discussion with Mike Lengyel, Nick Juscik, Marge Osborn and Mary Milakovic. They had all lived in the area and each commented on their early life in the area with parents from foreign countries who came where the work was. Life was simple in large families. Rent was \$7 per month. Hours of work were long. Social life revolved around Brooks House, the Settlement House.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. with refreshments.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1999

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Bill & Shirle Kowalisyn	221 - 173rd Pl. Hammond	933-6317
Rose Riebe	7106 Columbia Av. Hammond	
Janline Kunkel	1801 Bluebird Lane, Munster	
Mary Matried Milakovic	935 - 169th St. Hammond	
Marguerite & George Elkins	8010 Monroe Av. Munster	836-5457
Larry Knoerzer	47 Waltham St. Hammond	931-6061
John Swanson	7234 Alexander Av. Hammond	845-3498
Ruth Swanson	7234 Alexander Av. Hammond	845-3498
Joan Muehn	2329 Hart Rd.	922-3878
Pearl Drzich	830 - 170th Street, Hammond	931-7332
Rose Walucha	905 Ridgeway	836-8591
Louis Mroz	4327 Johnson Av. Hammond	931-2797
Cindy Leighty	7419 Hohman Av. Hammond	932-0720
Jean Lundholm	8772 Monroe Av. Munster	836-8804
Georgina Swanson	8841 Woodward Av. Highland	923-9897
Dan Yovich	6736 Waveland Av. Hammond	844-8444
W.C. Volkman	6415 Forest Av. Hammond	932-7671
Gertrude Volkman	6415 Forest Av. Hammond	932-7671
Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Av. Hammond	844-6996
Ken Stromberger	2750 Enslen Av. Dyer	865-8253
G.M. Peiffer, M.D.	6541 Forest Av. Hammond	
Ted Mygenski	5618 Calumet Av. Hammond	937-1575
Thora Berry	2007 Porte DeLeau, Highland	922-1289
Edith Phares	823 - 176th Str. Hammond	932-2942
Pete & Irene Borbely	7545 Monroe Av. Hammond	933-7386
Glen & Carolyn DeYoung	1705 Wilson St. Munster	923-0205
Geni Wendorf	4831 Columbia Av. Hammond	932-6582
Pete Staesnick	8131 Kraay Av. Munster	923-1703
Frances Staesnick	8131 Kraay Av. Munster	923-1703
Eleanor Jordan	742 E. Sibley, Dolton	
Michael & Violanda Lengyel, Jr.	2007 Porte DeLeau, Highland	
Leone Van Koten	725 S. East St. Crown Point 46307	
Barbara Donelson	6820 Jackson Av. Hammond	911-4860
Anne Bacui	8304 Woodlawn Av. #8, Munster	836-1159
Marge Bomersback	6342 Garfield Av. Hammond	
Marge Sohl	9519 Southmoor Av. #7, Highland	924-7525

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1999

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 18, 1999 in the St. John Lutheran Church, 606 - 141st Street, Hammond, Indiana, 46327. As people arrived in the social hall, they were invited to step into the church sanctuary to see the stained glass windows while the sun was still shining thru them. At 6:30 p.m. all were called into the social hall and welcomed by the president, Suzanne Long. Norma Stawitcke from the host church gave the invocation and a delicious dinner cooked by the ladies of the church was served. Forty-one attended.

At 7:15 Suzanne called the business meeting to order. Minutes of the last annual meeting had been printed in the FLASHBACK so were not read. The report of the treasurer was printed on the dinner program and attention was directed to it there. The attached report of the president was read summarizing the events of the past year. Future events were announced: the Annual cemetery walk on October 3 was announced, and the anticipated hiring of an intern to work on the inventory of Hammond historical artifacts this summer for the Hammond Preservation Commission.

Peg Evans presented the following slate of officers as the report of the nominating committee in keeping with the revised bylaws passed at the April 18, 1999 meeting:

President - Curtis Freeman
First Vice President - Dr. Geraldine Peiffer (Programs)
Second Vice President - Ruth Swanson (Membership)
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Larry Knoerzer

Directors - Term expires May, 2000

Margaret Evans
Robert Kindle
Tom Rutkowski
Elverta Seddelmeyer
John Swanson

Directors - Term expires May, 2001

Antoinette Caldwell
Shirley Parsons
Mechele Burbank
Brian Poland
Mabelle Durand

Directors - Term expires May, 2002

Edith Phares
Lois Sherby
Helen McGrath
Dan Yovich
Suzanne Long

There being no further nominations from the floor, the committee's slate of officers was accepted and declared elected. Suzanne called the elected directors forward and installed them and then the elected officers were each installed as their duties were outlined. The business meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Lois Sherby, assisted by Ken Stromberger, conducted a brief memorial service honoring the nine members who died during the last year:

Dr. Grace Free
Glen Schram
Ted Sendak

Roger Reeder
Louise Lukowski
Maurice O'Hern

Mable Hartfield
Wanda Seevers
Ethel Wilhelm

The service concluded with the reading of the attached poem "The Dash" and a silent prayer.

The attendees then moved into the church sanctuary where longtime member of the church, Esther Kristoff, presented the attached brief history of the church which is this year on November 10 celebrating its 110th year since chartering.

Norma Stawitcke then directed a tour and commentary explanation which also is attached of the eight stained glass windows which were seventeen years in the making and were completed and dedicated November 11, 1979.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1999
ATTENDANCE

Nolan & Mary Anne Ahlborn
Fern Arnold
Margaret Evans
Curtis & Amber Freeman
Bob Kindle
Gen Klacik
Larry Knoerzer
Suzanne Long
Helen McGrath
Ed & Betty McHie
Fred & Mary Jane Messman
Mary Milakovic
Dr Geraldine Peiffer
Edith Phares
Brian Poland
Elverta Seddelmeyer
Ken Stromberger
Lois Sherby
Marge Sohl
Martha Steele
John & Ruth Swanson
Marion Wheeler
Daniel & Anita Yovich

CHURCH MEMBERS
Gertrude Fritz
Esther & Steve Kristoff
Elden & Edith LaHayne
Mary Anne LaHayne
Glenola Kunnemann
Harry Mason
Norma Stawitcke
Dorothy Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Winderlich

PRESIDENT'S REPORT May 18, 1999 Annual Meeting, Hammond Historical

As you know, I have been interim president of the Society since Bill Tuley resigned in October. I spoke with Bill this morning. He had planned on attending but his wife's medical condition has made it impossible for him to be with us physically. He sends his warm regards and best wishes for the future. And he really misses his associations with the members of the Society. I had planned to make a small presentation to him this evening. So I will go out and visit him soon. There is a card and I would hope that everyone here tonight would sign it for Bill.

For the president's report, I would like to review what we have accomplished in this past year. In October, we held our second successful Cemetery Tour. Mark your calendars, the first Sunday in October is the date of the third cemetery walk. We had seven general meetings with outstanding speakers, including a wonderful video presentation of a panel discussion brought to us by Ruth Swanson.

We had numerous meetings with the Mayor and members of his staff regarding the inventory of historical artifacts to be taken in Hammond. This subcommittee will be hiring an intern for the summer and one of the Society's responsibilities will be to help coordinate and make contacts for that important task.

Marjorie Sohl, Ruth Swanson and I formed a committee to revise the Society's ByLaws. The new ByLaws were approved by the Board in February and in April were passed by the general membership. The new bylaws streamline the Society and clearly define the offices and duties. The secretary now has a vote in the board meetings. The ByLaws also create a committee system to aid the officers and encourage the participation of members. Which in turn should aid in the development of new officers. These new ByLaws will definitely help the Society to grow in the new millennium.

And finally the Society partnered with the Hammond Public Library and the Hammond Historical Preservation Commission to bring to Hammond a wonderful exhibition on the work of George Elmslie, the designer of the Morton and Edison school buildings. To celebrate Historic preservation month, on May 6th we hosted a public lecture by Paul Kruty and Ronald Schmitt, professors from the School of Architecture, University of Illinois. The lecture was attended by about 50 people. Besides providing a wonderful educational and historical opportunity for Hammond, the Society gained some much needed public relations exposure. The exhibition is on display all this month in the gallery at the Hammond Public Library. So please

be sure and visit it. Autographed copies of the catalogue are available in the Calumet Room for \$5.

One other item to mention, the microfilm that was purchaed in memory of Violet Milne is now in the Library. And it's wonderful. It is a copy of the Sanborn insurance maps for the city of Hammond from 1886 through 1930. It is a tool that can be used by preservationists and family historians. The film shows every building in the city. And since we have lost so many this is one way to remember them.

I would like to thank all the officers, volunteers and members for their assistance and hard work this year.

So, all in all, I would say that the Hammond Historical Society has ended this century with a very productive and exciting year. And our future looks bright.

Suzanne Geis Long

The Dash Author Unknown

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on the tombstone from beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of the birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that was spent alive on earth... and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...the house..the cash.
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard..are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left.
Your "Dash" suddenly cut short to end midrange.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and
always try to understand the way other people might feel.
And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more and love the people in our
lives like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile... remembering that
this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash...would you be
proud of the things they say about how you spend your dash?
To the world you may be one person, But to one person you may be the world!

**The
Hammond
Historical
Society's
39th Annual
Dinner
Meeting
May 18,
1999**

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
39TH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

MAY 18, 1998 6:30 P.M.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAMMOND, INDIANA

WELCOME SUZANNE LONG

INVOCATION ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

* DINNER *

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting -- Marjorie Sohl, Secretary
Annual Financial Report -- John Swanson, Treasurer
President's Report -- Suzanne Long, President
Nominating Committee Report

MEMORIAL SERVICE LOIS SHERBY

IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. Grace Free	Roger Reeder	Mable Hartfield
Glen Schram	Louise Lukowski	Wanda Seevers
Ted Sendak	Maurice O'Hern	Ethel Wilhelm

HISTORY OF THE ST. JOHN
LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFICERS 1998-1999

President	William T. Tuley/Suzanne Long
1st Vice President	Dr. Geraldine Peiffer
2nd Vice President	Ruth Swanson
3rd Vice President	Suzanne Long
4th Vice President	Antoinette Caldwell
5th Vice President	Lois Scherby
Secretary	Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer	John Swanson

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MAY 1, 1998 - APRIL 30, 1999

Balance on Hand, May 1, 1998 \$6,225.11

Receipts

Interest	104.14
Dues	2,072.50
Books	87.50
Cemetery Walk	359.00

Disbursements

Annual Dinner	288.08
Postage	332.32
Newsletter	50.00
Service Charge	68.58
Refreshments	55.16
State Fee	10.10
Cemetery	50.00

Total Receipts	<u>\$3,053.14</u>	\$3,053.14
Total Disbursements	<u>\$904.14</u>	\$904.14

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE

ON HAND - APRIL 30, 1999 \$8,454.11

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PAST PRESIDENTS

1959-1999

- 1959-60 John Wilhelm*
- 1960-61 Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*
- 1961-62 Edward B. Hayward*
- 1962-63 Mrs. Vincent Bower
- 1963-64 George Nelson
- 1964-65 Anton Tapper*
- 1965-66 Mrs. Mary Peters*
- 1966-67 Mrs. Harry Wilson*
- 1967-68 Walter Bell*
- 1968-69 Mrs. Henry Cleveland*
- 1969-70 Marjorie Sohl
- 1970-71 Gordon Whitney
- 1971-72 Verlyn Mack*
- 1972-73 Mrs. Nina Cravens*
- 1973-74 Mrs. Leona Schreiber
- 1974-75 Kurt Marx*
- 1975-76 Fern Arnold
- 1976-77 Mrs. Evainez Jonas*
- 1977-78 Verlyn Mack*
- 1978-79 Charles McGregor*
- 1979-80 Jules Ebert*
- 1980-82 Bert Hindmarch*
- 1982-83 Jerome Kutak*
- 1983-85 Roger Reeder*
- 1985-86 Theodore Shatkowski*
- 1986-87 Hazel Lindstrom*
- 1987-89 Averill Colby
- 1989-91 Mrs. Wanda Seevers*
- 1991-93 Robert Kindle
- 1993-95 Dr. Geraldine Peiffer
- 1995-98 William Tuley
- 1998-99 Suzanne Long

*** Deceased**

H.M.D. PACKING Co. - GERMAN IMMIGRANTS.

ST. PAUL - 1880 - PR. FROM TOLLESTON ORGANIZED

1888 - MEMBERS NO. OF RIVER REQUESTED RELEASE

MAY 26, 1889 CONG. ORG. IN PRAHLER'S HALL ON

HOHMAN ST. "THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION, UAC"

16 MEN SIGNED CONSTITUTION

M.M. TOWLE GAVE 3 - 25'x120' LOTS ON TOWLE

BETWEEN WABASH TRACKS & GOSTLIN. FRAME

BLDG. 34'x50' & AN 80' STEEPLE BUILT - \$1,680.

FURNISHED - DEDICATED NOV. 10, 1889 (LUTHER'S B'DAY)

2)

REV. WM. A. BRAUER CALLED IN 1889 & SERVED ST. JOHN

AS WELL AS TRINITY, HEGEWISCH. PR. BRAUER ALSO

TAUGHT THE DAY SCHOOL. 20'x36' SCHOOL BUILT IN 1890 -

60 PUPILS FIRST YEAR - 60 THE NEXT.

IN 1903, A PARSONAGE WAS BUILT NO. OF THE CHURCH.

IN 1908, THE SOUTH SHORE WAS BUILT - THEIR RIGHT-OF-WAY

PASSED THROUGH LOTS OCCUPIED BY CHURCH & SCHOOL.

CONG. REC'D. \$2,500. FOR 1 1/2 LOTS & WERE ABLE

TO BUY 3 LOTS NO. OF THE PARSONAGE, MOVE THE

2 BLDGS., IMPROVE THEM & CONCRETE BLOCK

3)

FOUNDATIONS, & ADD A BASEMENT TO THE CHURCH.

IN 1918, AN ADD'L. LOT WAS PURCHASED TO

ENLARGE & IMPROVE THE ^{SCHOOL} ~~CHURCH~~ BUILDING.

IT WAS 1922 WHEN THE FIRST ENGLISH SERVICE

WAS HELD. PLANNING FOR A NEW CHURCH BLDG.

BEGAN IN 1932, BUT LAND WAS NOT PURCHASED

UNTIL 1948. THE PARSONAGE WAS COMPLETED IN

1952; CHURCH & PARISH HALL IN 1953. THE OLD

PARSONAGE WAS SOLD & THE CHURCH RAZED. SCHOOL

CONTINUED UNTIL 1963, & THAT YEAR IT WAS

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DECIDED TO DISCONTINUE GERMAN SERVICES. THE SCHOOL BLDG. & PARSONAGE ARE STILL IN USE BY THEIR CURRENT OWNERS - ON TOWLE BETWEEN GOSTLIN & THE S. SHORE. THIS CHURCH BLDG., DEDICATED AUG. 23, 1953, ORIGINALLY HAD CONCRETE BLOCK INTERIOR WALLS, PAINTED LT. GREEN, & ALL THE WINDOWS WERE OPAQUE GLASS. THE 11 RANK PIPE ORGAN WAS INSTALLED IN 1976. THE INTERIOR WAS REDECORATED FOR THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY, 1979, AND THE FACET GLASS WINDOWS WERE DEDICATED

5)

AT THAT CELEBRATION SERVICE, NORMA WILL TELL US ABOUT THESE BEAUTIFUL WINDOWS...

PASTORS

WM. A. BRAUER 1889-1940

D. W. LINNEMEIER 40 - 46

H. C. NICKEL 47 - 70 (EMERITUS)

J. W. PIPPINA 71 - 81

J. R. VOGEL 81 - 88

T. J. McSHANNOCK 88 - 90

R. D. HOKENSON 92 - 94

VICAR P. STOLZ 95

C. BECKMAN 96

E. STONE 97

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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Towle Avenue
HAMMOND, INDIANA

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THE 100TH YEAR OF
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
HAMMOND - INDIANA
1989

PRAISE FOR THE PAST....

FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

Thomas J. McShannock, Pastor
Henry C. Nickel, Pastor Emeritus

A BRIEF HISTORY OF SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH...

In May, 1889, a number of Lutherans residing on the north side of Hammond organized as a daughter congregation of St. Paul's Church, now located in Munster, with thirty-five charter members. Services in the German language were begun in Prahlow's Hall on Hohman Avenue, and the congregation was formally founded there on May 26, 1889. Messrs. M. M. Towle and Hoffman presented three lots on Towle Street, south of Gostlin, on which the first church was built. The building was 34 x 50 feet with an 80 foot steeple. It was completed in November, 1889, and dedicated on November 10.

A parochial school was built next to the church in 1890, indicative of the congregation's resolve to provide Christian education for its children. Classes were taught by the Pastor, W. A. Brauer, initially, and in 1892 Adolph List became the first in a long line of teachers in the school. The school had grown from six to sixty by 1892, and in 1893 an additional school room was built.

From 1891 to 1905 Sunday School was held on Sunday afternoons. From 1905 to 1932 Sunday School was an integral part of the Sunday Service. Since 1932 it has been conducted on Sunday mornings independent of the Sunday worship service.

Planning for a new church building began in 1932. Property was purchased at the corner of Henry Ave. and 141st Street in 1948. The parsonage was completed in 1952. The church and parish hall were dedicated on August 23, 1953. Debt on the new facilities was liquidated ten years later.

German services were discontinued in 1963, and that same year St. John School was closed. The congregation affiliated with St. Paul's School until 1982.

Ministry of worship and visitation at Munster Med-Inn was initiated in 1976. That year also saw the dedication of the eleven rank pipe organ, and the decision to affiliate with the English Synod of the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

Lutheran Book of Worship was adopted by the congregation as its official service book and hymnal in 1978.

In May of that year the St. John windows were installed, a project ten years in the making. The facet glass windows were dedicated at the 90th Anniversary Service. As part of that observance, the interior of the church was redecorated.

Six pastors have served this parish in its 100 year history:

The Reverend William A. Brauer	1889-1940
The Reverend Oscar W. Linnemeier	1940-1946
The Reverend Henry C. Nickel	1947-1970
Pastor Emeritus	1976-
The Reverend Jerald W. Pipping	1971-1981
The Reverend Joel R. Vogel	1981-1988
The Reverend Thomas J. McShannock	1988-

With the merger of several Lutheran groups into one in January, 1988, St. John became part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod.

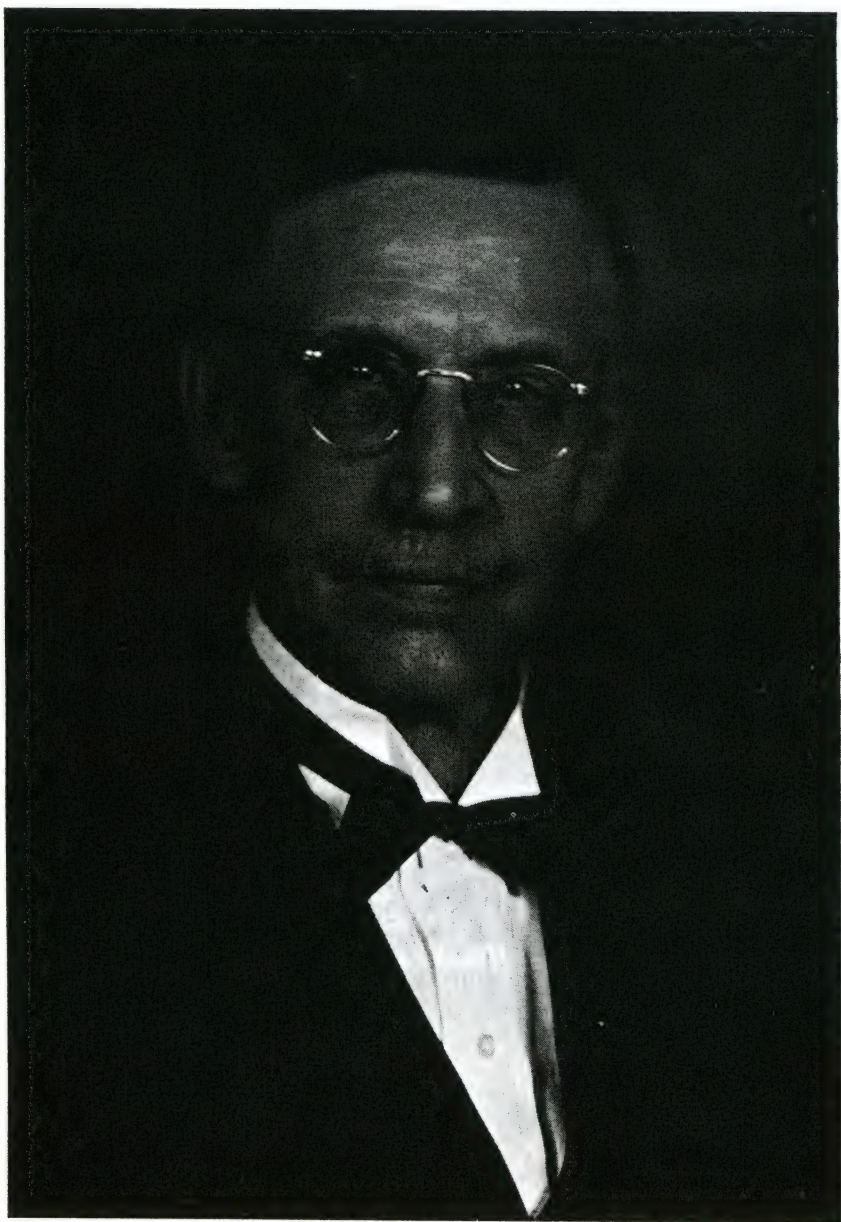
In the name of the Holy Trinity the life of the congregation had its inception 100 years ago, and in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit we continue our mission and ministry.

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St. John Church Council - 1989

President	Esther Kristoff
Recording Secretary	Nona Gleim
Treasurer	Sandy Tanet
Financial Secretary	Mary Anne LaHayne
Lay Ministry Comm. Chairman	Arline Schoenrock
Worship Committee Chairman	John Rembach
Outreach Comm. Chairman	Dorothy Smith
Education/Youth Comm. Ch.	Jackie Buss
Stewardship/Fellowship Ch.	Norma Stawitcke*
Property Comm. Chairman	Arlo Kunnemann

*Elected when Chuck Brenneman resigned.



REV. WM. A. BRAUER
Pastor Since 1889

History of

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Hammond, Indiana

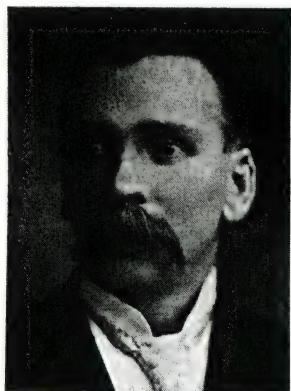
The history of the congregation dates back to the time when Hammond was in its infancy, an incorporated town of about two or three thousand inhabitants. Its only industry was the Hammond Packing Company, where many German immigrants found employment.

Through the faithful missionary work of Pastor Wunderlich of St. John's Lutheran Church, Tolleston, the German Lutheran families of this territory were gathered and organized into St. Paul's congregation at South Hammond. Her first pastor was the Rev. P. G. Luebker, who served the congregation from 1880 to 1889.

In 1888 the members of St. Paul's living north of the Calumet River requested their release for the purpose of organizing a new congregation at North Hammond. This request was cheerfully granted. On May 26, 1889, the congregation was organized in Prahlow's Hall on Hohman Street and named "The German Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation, U. A. C." Sixteen men signed the constitution. The first officers were:

- President Carl Schwingendorf
- Secretary Henry Grieme
- Treasurer Louis Norman
- Elders Charles Warmbier, Wm. Leimbach
- Trustees Hermann Jaeger, Henry Lohse
- Collectors Bernhard Jaeger, Albert Tangermann

A resolution was soon passed to build a house of worship. Mr. M. M. Towle, a realtor, presented to the congregation three lots, each 25x120 ft., on Towle Street, between the Wabash Railroad tracks and Gostlin Street. A frame building, 34x50 ft. with an 80 ft. steeple, was built at a cost of \$1,680. About \$1,000 of the incurred debt was paid through the contributions of the members and liberal gifts of friends. After the building was completely furnished with pulpit, altar, pews, a reed organ in the balcony and a large bell in the steeple, it was dedicated on November 10, 1889 (Luther's birthday). Two services were held, in one Pastor Niedhammer of LaPorte, and in the other Pastor Lange of Valparaiso, were the speakers. Pastor Herzberger of St. Paul's Church at South Hammond officiated at the dedicatory exercises.



ADOLPH LIST, 1892-97

the church building, a school house, 20x36 ft., was erected. It was dedicated on February 3, 1890. Instructions began with only six pupils, but after a year that number was increased to sixty.

As official acts of the pastor often caused an interruption in the teaching, it was decided to call a full-time teacher. Mr. Adolph List of Hancock, Michigan, accepted the call and was installed on the 13th Sunday after Trinity, 1892. After two years the pupils numbered almost 100 and it became necessary to build an annex to the school building. The classes were then divided and the pastor taught the three lower grades. In the fall of 1897, after five years of faithful service in both church and school, Mr. List accepted a call to a school in Chicago. It was not until the spring of 1898 that the congregation was successful in obtaining Mr. R. Dorn from Varna, Illinois. In addition to his duties in the school, he also directed a mixed choir and a men's choir, which had been organized by Mr. List.

In 1896 Trinity Congregation called their own pastor and Rev. Brauer, being released from his duties at Hegewisch, was able to concentrate all his efforts in behalf of St. John's Congregation. The Sunday School, which had been conducted since 1891 by Mrs. Brauer on Sunday afternoons, was now taken over by the pastor. He introduced the custom of "Christenlehre" or instructions in Luther's Catechism. After a number of years, however, these instructions were discontinued in the afternoon and, in order that the entire congregation

As pastor the congregation called the Rev. Wm. A. Brauer of Appleton City, Missouri. Since the congregation at that time was too weak to support a full-time man, the call also included all pastoral duties at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hegewisch, Illinois. On the third Sunday in Advent, 1889, Pastor Brauer was inducted into his office in the two congregations. His aged father, Pastor Ernst Brauer of Crete, Illinois, and Pastor Herzberger, officiated at both services.

Pastor Brauer's duties also included teaching the Christian Day School. As this work could not be carried on in



OSCAR HEINTZ, 1901-04

might be benefited, they were made part of the Sunday morning service.

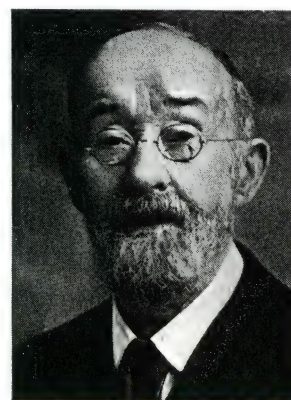
In the autumn of 1899 the little flock was able to celebrate its tenth anniversary with praise and thanks to God, who so graciously had led, protected and blessed it.

The congregation grew and the Lord blessed the work, when in October, 1901, the only industry, the Hammond Packing Company, was entirely destroyed by fire. In consequence many families left Hammond and dark days followed for the congregation. The number of pupils also decreased to such an extent that teaching was continued by Mr. Dorn alone and the second room was closed.

In 1903 a parsonage was built north of the church building. This building also included a room for the instruction of confirmation classes.

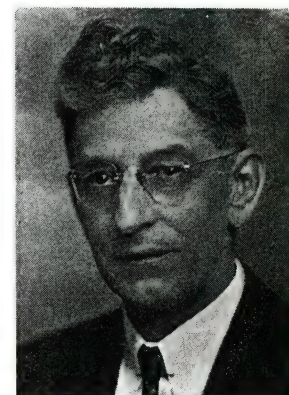
In the same year the congregation, in conjunction with five neighboring congregations, resolved to have a cemetery of their own. Incorporated as the Concordia Cemetery Association of Hammond, they purchased twenty acres near the boundary of the city, on Calumet Avenue and dedicated it in October of that year.

As the congregation had received a number of favors from Synod in the first years of its existence, she was finally persuaded to follow the example of its pastor and teacher by applying for membership in the Central District of the Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States. She was accepted as a member at Synod's convention in 1905.

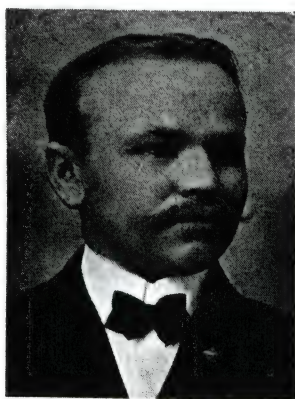


CARL ARNOLD, 1911-23

In 1908 the congregation was greatly benefited by an interurban railroad, which was built between South Bend and Chicago. As their right-of-way passed through the two lots occupied by the church and school, it became necessary to move these buildings. For only one and one-half lots the congregation received \$2,500, which enabled her to buy three lots north of the parsonage, move the two buildings, improve them with concrete block foundations, and



PAUL SCHUELKE, 1905-11



RICHARD SIEGEL, 1911-23

add to the church a spacious basement for a furnace, coal bins, etc.

In the autumn of the turbulent year 1914, when the World War began, the congregation celebrated her 25th Anniversary with two festival services. The speakers for this occasion were the pastor's brother, the Rev. A. Brauer of Beecher, Illinois, and the Rev. H. Hicken of Kouts, Indiana.

In the spring of 1918 it became necessary to enlarge and improve the school building. An additional lot was purchased and during the summer months this work was undertaken.

The two class and cloak rooms were enlarged and a basement added, which included room for heating and toilet facilities, as well as a room where the different societies and confirmation and Sunday School classes could meet. The total cost of this program was approximately \$4,500. Special dedicatory services were held September 15, 1918.

With the World War came the propaganda against the German language, and it became necessary to discontinue the use of German as a means of instruction in the school. In the spring of 1922 the first English service was held. For three years these services were held only once a month, then twice a month. In 1930, however, it was decided to have the so-called "Double Header" namely, German and English services every Sunday morning. All midweek and evening services, as well as funerals, have since been conducted in the English language.

In November, 1929, the 40th Anniversary was celebrated. The speakers were Pastor Geo. Schutes, Dr. Walter Bauer and Dr. Wm. Dau, all of Valparaiso, Indiana.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL FACULTY

The history of St. John's Christian Day School shows many changes in the faculty. Mr. Dorn served only three years, and in 1901 accepted a call to Milwaukee. His successor was Mr. O. M. E. Heintz, who also stayed only three years, accepting a call to Ft. Wayne in 1904. After Mr. Heintz

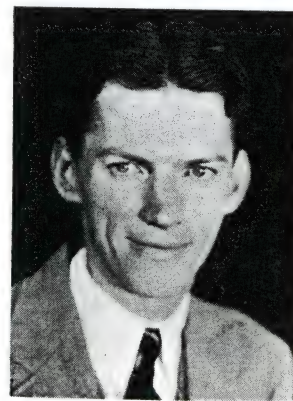


ARNOLD BATHJE, 1926-31

left, a vacancy followed and the pastor was obliged to instruct the children until 1905, when Mr. Paul Schuelke of Decatur, Illinois, came to the school. Mr. Schuelke labored faithfully for six years, organized and conducted a brass band, and was instrumental with the mixed choir to have a pipe organ installed in the church. In 1911 Mr. Schuelke also left for Ft. Wayne.

In 1902 the second class room was again opened where the lower grades were taught by the following: Miss R. Feiertag, 1902-1907; Miss H. Brauer, 1907; Mr. E. Clave, 1908; Mr. Rosenwinkel, 1909; Mr. Theo. Fruend, 1910.

In 1911 Mr. R. A. Siegel and Mr. C. A. Arnold, both of Ionia, Michigan, were called as teachers of the upper and lower grades respectively. Both men were inducted into their office on the 18th Sunday after Trinity. Mr. Siegel resigned early in 1923 and was succeeded by Mr. John Sedory. In June, 1924, however, Mr. Sedory was discharged for neglect of his duties. In October, 1923, Mr. Arnold also resigned on account of old age and his classes were taken over by Pastor Brauer. Mr. Arnold continued his stay with the congregation until the Lord called him on October 26, 1931, at the age of 91 years. Mr. Sedory's classes were conducted by student pastor Walter Bauer until Mr. A. Bathje, a young teacher out of office, offered his services. The school had suffered to such an extent and the number of pupils decreased that classes in the second room were discontinued and Mr. Bathje was



WALTER MUELLER, 1933-

temporarily engaged to take over all grades. His work proved satisfactory and he was installed as a permanent teacher in September, 1926. The increase in pupils was such that it became necessary to call a second teacher for the lower grades. Miss Hulda Vollrath served in 1927 and 1928; Mr. R. Merkle in 1929; Mr. Walter Mueller in 1930 and 1931; Mr. E. Eggers in 1932. In August, 1933, Mr. Walter Mueller was again called as teacher for the lower grades, and he is serving the congregation to this day. In September, 1931, Mr. Bathje accepted a call to Bellwood, Illinois.



ALFRED KOESTER, 1931-

OFFICERS OF CONGREGATION, 1939



FRONT ROW, Left to Right: F. Bleck, Rev. W. A. Brauer, R. Siegel, B. Siegel.

MIDDLE ROW: E. Freese, H. Frieske, M. Freese, W. Tangerman, G. Rosenau.

BACK ROW: H. Vonder Here, J. Wolff, H. Schlueter, A. Prahlow.

Mr. Alfred Koester of Centralia, Illinois, was called and inducted into his office in November, 1931, and is also with the congregation to this day.

At the present time the school has eight grades and is fully accredited. It meets all the requirements of the modern educational standard. Its graduates enter the High School without examination and do commendable work.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

From 1891 to 1905 Sunday School was held every Sunday afternoon. After that instruction in Luther's Catechism was made part of divine services every Sunday morning. When the English work had progressed in church and school, the need for regular organized work was keenly felt. With Mr. Bathje supervising, the work

was begun, and when Mr. Koester was called, his call specified this work. By resolution of the voters he was made Superintendent and Mr. Erwin Freese Asst. Superintendent. Since January, 1932, the Sunday School has been efficiently conducted every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 and has grown from 22 to 110 children. They are taught by ten teachers in six different departments. The contributions for 1938 were \$258 compared with \$136 for 1932. In connection with the Sunday School a Cradle Roll Department is maintained. Its present enrollment is 28 infants. The Sunday School has been and it is hoped will also in the future be a recruiting station for the Day School.

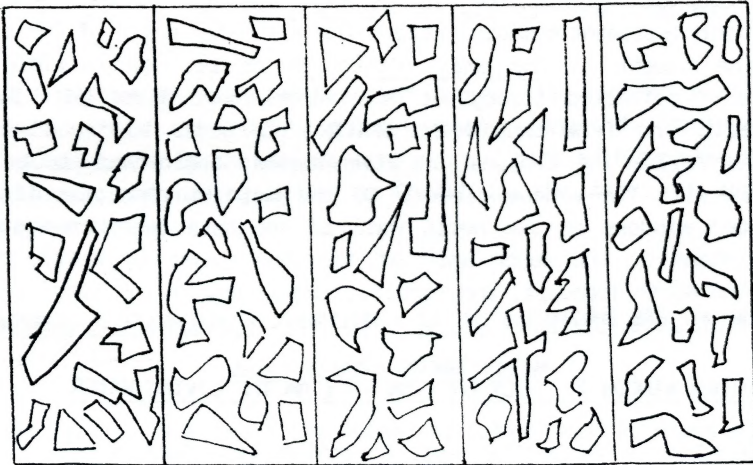
THE SOCIETIES

The oldest society is the Ladies' Aid, which was organized December 18, 1892, by Emily Brauer, the Pastor's wife. The purpose of the society has always been to cultivate Christian sociability, aiding the needy, beautifying the church property, and assisting the congregation in every way possible. Great blessings have emanated from this society these forty-seven years. Many dollars have been given to support the work of the congregation and to aid benevolences. St. John's Church will ever be grateful to the Ladies' Aid for its valuable services. The following have been members the past forty-seven years: Eva Bleck, Emily Brauer, Berendine Lohse, Mary Prahlow, and Hermine Schwingendorf.

OFFICERS OF ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION IN 1914



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH



WINDOWS

Dedicated at the 90th Anniversary

November 11, 1979

TO GOD ETERNAL GLORY

Hammond, Indiana

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH WINDOWS

There are a total of eight windows: two in the Narthex, five in the Nave, and one in the Sacristy. In the eight windows there are forty-two individual panels. The panels are detailed in design and color scheme, with the exception of the six-paneled window in the Sacristy. The window themes are drawn from the Gospel of St. John, the Evangelist and Apostle after whom our parish is named. Complimentary themes in the windows are derived from Old Testament symbols, and both John's Gospel and Old Testament symbols reflect the six chief parts of Christian doctrine taught in The Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther. Two themes reflected throughout the windows are **I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**, and **I AM THE LIVING WATER**. In order to "read" the windows and follow the explanation given below, begin your tour in the Narthex with the window closest to the main entrance; continue with the two windows on the north wall of the Nave (west to east), the two windows on the south wall of the Nave (east to west), the window in the north Transept, and finally, the window in the Sacristy.

NARTHEX WINDOW 1: HOLY BAPTISM -- I AM THE LIVING WATER

St. John 4:7-30 / "The Small Catechism, Holy Baptism"

The saving water of Holy Baptism springing from the great pool of the water of life.

Snow-white doves (baptized Christians) drinking from the great pool of the water of life.

The equilateral triangle, symbol of the Holy Trinity. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The plant rooted in the baptismal pool indicating that baptismal living is a life long process of spiritual growth.

The dove with the olive branch indicating the gift of God's promise and peace in Holy Baptism. Baptism is how we enter the community of the Church and become part of God's Life. The window is thus placed at the location where we physically enter the church.

NARTHEX WINDOW 2: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

St. John 20:19-23 / "The Small Catechism, Keys and Commandments"

The stole, indicating the pastoral authority to hear Confession and pronounce God's absolution and forgiveness.

The crossed keys over The Holy Scriptures indicating the power given to Christ's Church to forgive (one key) or not to forgive if there is no repentance (second key), a power derived from the Word of Christ.

The flames of the Holy Spirit indicating that it is the Holy Spirit who enables the people of God to exercise this power according to the Gospel.

The two tables of the Law, The Ten Commandments, indicating the use of the Law of God as a mirror for our sin and rebellion against God and one another.

The "Confession and Forgiveness" window is located next to the baptismal window demonstrating that confession and forgiveness on a day by day basis is the way we live out the gift of Christian Baptism, dying to sin and coming alive to Christ by the power of repentance and forgiveness.

NAVE WINDOW 3: CREATION/INCARNATION - IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD.....

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

St. John 1:1-18; "The Small Catechism, Articles 1 and 2, Apostle's Creed"

The Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden.

The rainbow, the sign of God's covenant of promise with the human family after the Flood.

The triquetra (a three-leaved interlacement to show the Holy Trinity in unity) bearing the hand of God creating human life (represented in the upreached hand).

The burst of light coming from God...in the beginning God created the light.

Daisies and plants representing human innocence before the Fall into sin.

The flaming sword is a reminder of the human family's expulsion from the Garden of Eden, Paradise Lost.

The Great Star points to the birth of that Great Light, Jesus Christ, and the Incarnation of that Eternal Word, Jesus Christ.

The prophetic Rose of Sharon, an Old Testament symbol for the promised Messiah.

The Living Water of Baptism by which we make our beginnings into the beginnings of God.

The "Creation/Incarnation" window begins the detailing of the

life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This window and the other three windows in the Nave will be our continual reminders while we are at worship of our total dependancy on the mercy of God in Jesus Christ.

NAVE WINDOW 4: REDEMPTION - I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

St. John 14:1-6; 18 - 19; "The Small Catechism,
Article 2, Apostle's Creed"

The darkened sun indicating the eclipse of God's Light at the dawn of Christ's suffering and death.

The Alpha and Omega (first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet) reminding us of our Lord's words, **I AM the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last.** Christ is the beginning and the ending no matter how darkened the Light of His Presence becomes on account of our sin.

The Passion Cross in the chalice of suffering set atop the Tau Cross with the serpent twined around it points to the Gospel of John's word, **As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**" (John 3:14-15)

The crown of thorns, an instrument used to increase our Lord's suffering.

The cock of the denial which crowed as Peter denied he ever knew Jesus.

The pillar of scourging to which our Lord was tied as he was whipped.
The bolts of lightning displaying the Good Friday storm and the vengeance of God.

The Lamb of God standing before his Cross indicating the innocent blood that was shed for all humankind. John the Baptist said, **Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him who takes away the sin of the world.** (John 1:36)

I.N.R.I., the inscription at the top of Jesus' cross written in Latin, Iesus, Nazarinus Rex Iudicorum, Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. It was the inscription placed on the cross to describe the nature of Jesus' crime which incurred capital punishment by crucifixion.

The two crosses of the other two men crucified with Jesus.

The Living Water of Baptism by which we are made partakers of Christ's death. (Romans 6:1-11) We have been crucified with Christ!

The "Redemption" window proclaims the death of the obedient and innocent one for the disobedient and the guilty. In the far left panel at the bottom we see the sacrificial altar, the perfect obedience of Abraham.

NAVE WINDOW 5: I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

St. John 11; 20:1-18; "The Small Catechism,
Articles 2 and 3, Apostle's Creed; Holy Baptism"

The empty tomb and the banner of Victory.

The light streaming from the triumphant Cross and the broken chains of sin, death, and hell, the ultimate Victory.

Lilies and spring flowers, signs of God's gift of new life to us through the Resurrection of Christ.

Lazarus with grave clothes, but risen from the grave. As Christ called, **Lazarus, come forth,** so shall He call us all.

The butterfly in the sweeping light of the Resurrection, new life coming from the cocoon of death.

The ship, ancient symbol of the Church (people of God), with the Crown of life as the emblem on its sail, and the victorious Cross on top of its mast. The church is created by the proclamation of the Resurrection Gospel. The ship sails on Baptismal waters.

The Living Water of Baptism by which we are reborn to share the new life which shall be consummated in eternal life with Christ in heaven.

The "Resurrection" window proclaims the victory of light over darkness, life over death, hope over despair, faith over unbelief. The people of God, the Church, have no other Gospel than the Gospel of the Resurrection.

NAVE WINDOW 6: HOLY COMMUNION - I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

St. John 6; 21:1-14; "The Small Catechism,
The Sacrament of the Altar, The Holy Communion, The Lord's Prayer"

The fish, ancient symbol by which Christians identified themselves. The Greek word for fish was turned into an acronym with each of the letters standing for an entire word: Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

The five stalks of wheat a symbol of that grain from which bread is made, one of the two elements used in Holy Communion. Together with the fish the five stalks of wheat point to the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand people.

The altar with the Christ monogram (XP) X = Ch and P = R, the first letters of Christ's name in Greek. The altar is the table He prepares for us. The altar is also a symbol of the congregation at worship and prayer. "Give us this day our daily bread," as we pray in the Lord's Prayer, has its ultimate roots in the Bread of Life we receive in the Holy Communion.

The chalice, vessel for the precious blood of Christ.

The loaves of bread, vehicle for the body of Christ.

Two snow-white doves (baptized Christians), one being nourished by the body of Christ, the other by the blood of Christ.

The Living Water flowing up to and down from the chalice, the relationship between Baptism and the Eucharist. By God's grace in Baptism we become part of the Community of Faith and by God's grace in the Eucharist we are sustained in that same community.

The seven flames, the coming and the presence of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and in the ongoing life of the Christian Church. Jesus said, **When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.** (John 16:13) Note also the connection between this window and the "Confession/Forgiveness" window. It is the Holy Spirit who leads us to repentance and faith in the Christ who is the Giver of forgiveness. That faith, and that faith alone, makes us worthy to receive Christ in the Holy Communion.

The grape vine points to that fruit of the vine from which wine is made. Bread and wine, the two elements used by our Lord and by the Church for the Blessed Sacrament.

The emblazoned light of the Holy Spirit. As we sing in the hymn, "Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove," (LBW 284) "Your light to ev'ry sense impart, and shed your love in ev'ry heart," we claim by faith that Light made flesh in Christ, and now burned into our hearts and souls by the Holy Spirit who is both Lord and Life-Giver.

The "Holy Communion" window proclaims our necessary reliance on the three great gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of the Altar: Forgiveness of sin, a new lease on life based on Christ's Resurrection, and the promise of everlasting life.

NAVE, NORTH TRANSEPT WINDOW 7: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - I AM THE

VINE...I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

St. John 21:2-25; 10:1-18; 15:1-17; "The Small Catechism,

Article 3, Apostle's Creed; The Office of the Keys

The eagle is the symbol for St. John the Evangelist emphasizing the soaring heights of the revelation of his Gospel.

"Saint John 21:24" - An important quotation from the Gospel of St. John, set in a scroll, and an important quotation to sum up the themes from St. John's Gospel as used in our parish windows, "This disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true."

The Christ-Vine, **I am the Vine, you are the branches.** Christ is the Source and we are the ones nourished to bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, self-control. I AM the Vine is one of two of the best remembered quotations from St. John's Gospel. The other is...

I AM the Good Shepherd symbolized by the shepherd's crook (staff) and the flock of sheep nourished by the green pastures and the Living Water of Baptism. One sheep faces away from the Christ-Vine and the Shepherd's Crook, and this sheep is lost, pointing to the responsibility of the Christian Community to seek out the lost.

The "Saint John" window testifies to the soaring heights of his Gospel. Christ is the Vine and Christ is The Good Shepherd. We honor the Evangelist only because he gives the greater honor to our Lord Jesus Christ whose Gospel is witnessed to by Saint John, and that Gospel is true and reliable because its Source is in Christ who is Truth.

SACRISTY WINDOW 8: LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND LIVING WATER

St. John 1 and 4; "The Small Catechism, Holy Baptism and Holy Communion"

The Living Waters of Holy Baptism; one we drink from that water we never thirst again.

The Light of the world, the Light no darkness can overcome. In that spirit the ministers and servers and altar guild do their prayers and preparations for all of the services held in this parish church. As we lead people to the Font of Baptism we do so by faith in Him who is the Living Water. As we lead people to the Altar for the Holy Communion we do so by faith in Him who is the Light of the world, a Light incarnate in Bethlehem, a Light made flesh and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. Jesus Christ the Light of the world, mangled in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. As we lead people to Christ through proclaiming the Word of the Gospel in the Sacred Scriptures, we do so by faith in Him whose light will illumine the darkness of our understanding by the brilliance of His Word, the Word of judgement and forgiveness, the only Word the Church dare proclaim, that Word to which Saint John gives inspired testimony.